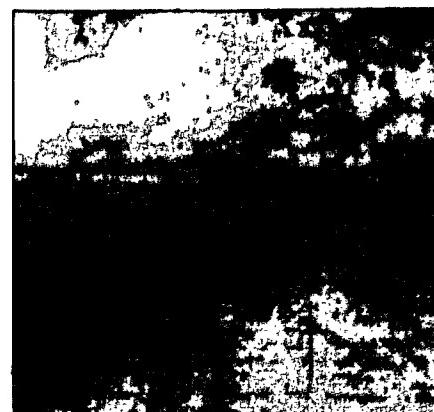




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The Piers of Hancock Co.

Madison County has its bridges – Hancock County has its piers (and used to have a lot more).

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Benefit for family of Lassie Rasmussen

There will be a benefit for the family of Lassie Rasmussen to help pay funeral expenses on June 29 at VFW Post 4808 in Lakeshore, beginning at 11 a.m. Call 467-3021 for more information.

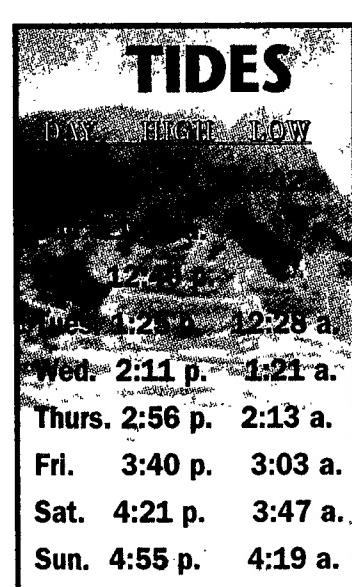
Mt. Chapel Baptist to host VBS June 3-7

Mt. Chapel Baptist Church at 721 Herlihy St. in Waveland will host a Vacation Bible School June 3-7, at 6:30 nightly. Theme is "Ahoy! All Aboard With Jesus." All are welcome.

1st Missionary Baptist hosts barbecue dinner

First Missionary Baptist Church of Pearlington will host fish, chicken and barbecue goat dinners on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Delivery available. Call 467-1715 or 342 1372.

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These brave soldiers, sailors, fliers and marines died protecting their country and what it stood for. They died defending a way of life that they felt was worth dying for ... families, children, freedom, morality, values, responsibility."

— Father Richard Welch, CSSR, JCD, President of Human Life International

In Memory



The Bay High ROTC present the colors and perform flag raising Saturday morning with American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis, and Post 77, Waveland, in a special Memorial tribute at Hancock Medical Center. Related story, Page 2A.

Deputy seizes 27 pounds of pot

Driver, passenger arrested in routine I-10 traffic stop

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Hancock County sheriff's deputy performing a routine traffic stop early Friday morning ended up seizing 27 pounds of marijuana and arresting the driver of the vehicle and a passenger.

Lt. Jimmy Esposito, highway safety officer for Sheriff Steve Garber, said Friday that he had stopped the vehicle on I-10 for an improper equipment violation, but his partner — K-9 unit Dax — alerted that there were drugs in the vehicle.

Upon searching the vehicle, Esposito said, he found a small suitcase filled with two packages of marijuana.

Garber said the street value of the seized pot could

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Burning ban issued in county

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate announced a ban on burning in all unincorporated areas of the county.

The ban went into effect at 6 a.m. yesterday, Pate said, and will remain so "until further notice."

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Leak at Edwards Bayou adds to sewer set-backs

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Another setback for Hancock County's Water and Sewer District's Phase 1 water distribution lines, occurred on Thursday evening when lines across Edward's Bayou experienced a loss of pressure about 7 p.m., indicating another leak. The district discovered a leak at Edward's Bayou, where it crosses Washington St.,

about two weeks ago and have been working since that time to try to correct the problem.

According to County Engineer Geoffrey Clemens, seven of the nine zones tested in the new system have shown evidence of leaks after being pressure tested. The news comes after a long line of setbacks to the 27 mile long system, part of which was first

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Hundreds showed up at the old Depot in Bay St. Louis Saturday for the Misfit Street Krewzers' Gnat Nationals car show. Proceeds from the event benefited the Hancock County RSVP.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter



Members of American Legion Post 77, Waveland, and Post 139, Bay St. Louis, salute the flag Saturday during Taps in a special Memorial Day Weekend ceremony at Hancock Medical Center.

Memorial Day celebrations planned

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Memorial Day is more than just a three-day weekend. For the many veterans, their families and loved ones it's a day of remembrance for those who have given the most precious gift to the service of their country, their lives.

On Memorial Day, May 27, American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis will begin their remembrance with a service and salute dedicated to the post's namesake, Clement R. Bontemps.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Immediately following the service, an additional ceremony will be conducted at the post hall and memorial on Green Meadow Rd. followed by refreshments at the hall.

American Legion Post 77 in Waveland will present a guest speaker at 11 a.m. at the post hall on Coleman Ave. in Waveland.

Following the speaker, the Bay High School Band will provide music for the laying of a wreath ceremony

at the memorial in front of the hall. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Memorial Day had its beginnings in 1865 when a druggist in the village of Waterloo, N.Y. suggested to General John B. Murray that the Civil War dead be honored by decorating their graves.

The idea was popular, and on May 5, 1866 townspeople decorated graves with wreaths, crosses, and bouquets. Flags were flown at half mast and draped with evergreen boughs and black streamers.

At each of the town's three cemeteries, ceremonies were held and speeches were given by the general and local clergy. In 1868 the day was recognized as "Decoration Day" and officially moved to May 30.

On May 5 of that year General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who

died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

In this observance, no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of

respect as circumstances may permit.

In 1971 the last Monday in May was declared an official holiday. Memorial Day, by an Act of Congress. Many southern states have their own memorial day, for honoring the dead of the Civil War. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday in April.



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MPH taking applications for class at USM Gulf Coast

The Master of Public Health Program at the University of Southern Mississippi is taking applications for the fall class in health policy and administration on the Coast campus.

The deadline for application is July 15, said Dr. Joan Exline, director of the Center for Community Health.

The students are connected from Long Beach to Hattiesburg by Interactive Video network, she said. "The professors teach in person on the Coast every three weeks."

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The Han School District experiencing pains, a school board recess meets to approve a new out-of-district the next school those who are attending Han and paying

It's an issue has discussed previous According based on the latest figures, the school is growing five percent most growth.

The problem adequate funds district compounded by the fact from 100 who should other schools as Picayune, Waveland, etc., to provide or some option to gain admission to schools.

At an emergency Superintendent Education Meeting told board very difficult contractors to actually live in district. At last meeting, he asked members to increase out-of-district to approve no more ne

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Hancock bans all out-of-district students; may relent on current kids at next meeting

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Hancock County School District seems to be experiencing some growing pains, a condition which led school board members at a recess meeting last week to approve a motion to ban all out-of-district students in the next school year – even those who have been legally attending Hancock schools and paying tuition.

It's an issue the board has discussed at several previous meetings. According to estimates based on attendance and the latest U.S. Census figures, the student population at Hancock County schools is growing by about five percent a year, with the most growth north of I-10.

The problem of providing adequate facilities for in-district students has been compounded, officials say, by the fact that anywhere from 100 to 200 students who should legally attend other school districts, such as Picayune or Bay-Waveland, are finding ways to provide either affidavits or some other documentation to gain illegal admission to Hancock district schools.

At an earlier meeting, Superintendent for Education Mike Ladner had told board members it is very difficult for administrators to verify a child actually lives within the district. At last week's meeting, he asked board members to increase tuition for out-of-district students and to approve his plan to allow no more new out-of-district

students; but offer a one-time only amnesty for those who had been illegally attending the district to "get legal" and start paying tuition or face being ousted from the district permanently.

However, board member Larry Peterson moved that the district should ban all out-of-district students, other than those whose parents are Hancock staff or faculty members.

"I would like to not accept any (out-of-district) students – even the ones from the Flat Top area (who had previously been grandfathered in)," Peterson said, "and notify them that ... they'll have to attend the Picayune (or some other) school district. We're overcrowded."

"We're already going to have to come up with new classrooms."

Both the superintendent and board member Peggy Ladner vehemently opposed Peterson's motion.

"You mean kids who have one year to go," she said, "you're going to tell them they can't come back here to graduate (with their class)?"

Peggy Ladner said that Peterson's plan would only penalize some good students and lead to losing the tuition from legal out-of-district students without actually solving the problem.

"If they really want to get in, they're going to get in without your knowing it," she said.

Superintendent Ladner said the move would also affect an honor student who has attended Hancock

schools for the past 11 years, and would have returned for her senior year in 2002-03.

"Go tell her for me, please, Larry," he said, "because I don't have the heart to tell her."

The board approved Peterson's motion, 3-2. However, Mike Ladner said Friday, he had received a letter from board President Cheryl Bennett saying that she had reconsidered the action, and would ask board members to vote again at the June 6 meeting to allow the students who were already attending legally to remain.

On another growing-pain matter last week, architect Gary Bailey showed board members some very preliminary figures from his ongoing five-year facilities plan study.

He offered three different scenarios for the board to consider in order to accommodate the rapid growth of the student population.

Under Option 1: The district would simply build on to existing facilities, adding four new classrooms at Gulfview Elementary; performing renovations at Hancock North Central; adding a minimum of six new classrooms at East Hancock; 13 classrooms at Hancock Middle; and 22 classrooms at Hancock High. The total cost of the additions and renovations should be somewhere around \$5.15 million, Bailey said, but would be a "Band-Aid solution" only.

Option 2, he said, "addresses five-year growth, but also looks at organization that would take you to 10-year growth." Under that plan, Hancock North Central would be converted to a middle school/high school facility at a cost of around \$1.2 million. A new elementary school would be built that serves that zone for around \$6.6 million; and a new Kiln/Diamondhead-area elementary would be built, also at around \$6.6 million.

In ten years, under Option 2, the district would build a second middle school/high school to serve the southern part of the county.

Under Option 3, Bailey said, would make the existing high school a grade 10-12 facility only, with a separate center built for the ninth grade. Hancock Middle would be for grades 7-8 only; and all elementaries would revert to grades K-6, not K-5. Option 3A, he said, would be to add a new elementary school in the Kiln area and shift some of the students.

Bailey said that Option 1 was the most economical, but "takes away any flexibility." ... Option 3 is a transition option. My advice is ... you'll end up in Option 2 anyway."

Peterson said that while Option 2 looks impressive, financing it would be next to impossible.

"You've gotta look at facts and figures," he said.

"you're not gonna pass a bond issue in this county,

and if you think you are, I'll jump off this building on top of my head."

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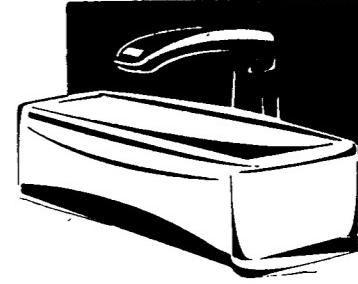
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Fire on Chapman Rd.



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Investigators are still trying to determine the cause of a house fire on Chapman Rd. in the rural part of Bay St. Louis. Just a tenth of a mile from the East Hancock Fire Protection District station, Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate said the house burned late Monday evening, and was fully engulfed in flames before a passing motorist notified the all-volunteer East Hancock fire department. The house was unoccupied at the time of the blaze, Pate said, and it's still unclear who owns it.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas

Publisher Emeritus

Who'd have dreamed there'd be a 14-story building in Bay St. Louis?

There was a time when many of us locals never thought we would see a building in Hancock County over three stories high, much less one in Bay St. Louis that is 14 stories high.

I have had several conversations during the past several days with some of the folks who have been around here for a long time, and the topic of conversation was the new Casino Magic Bay Tower Hotel which had a pre-opening on Wednesday.

Needless to say, it was one of the greatest grand openings I have witnessed in my many years in the Bay-Waveland area.

The opening of Casino Magic some 10 years ago was a big event.

To top this was the opening of the Magic's Bay Tower Hotel.

President and CEO of Casino Magic John Jagunich and General Manager Todd Raziano, along with the entire staff, all need to be complimented on the quality hotel they have brought to Bay St. Louis.

Hotels in Bay St. Louis have been around for over one hundred years, but all of them together cannot compare with the Bay Tower Hotel.

The new hotel officially opens on Monday, May 27, Memorial Day.

There was sure a very, very large crowd for the ribbon cutting on

Wednesday.

The banquet room is tremendous and gives many organizations an opportunity which never existed here for special celebrations and functions. Everything about the new facility can be expressed in one word, 'Wow'

The view from the hotel of the mouth of the Jourdan River and surrounding area is just tremendous. I could see many of my old fishing spots of years gone by.

Bad habits of folks appear to keep recycling.

A case in point is folks poaching crabs and crab traps, or pots as some refer to them.

This has been an ongoing problem since crab traps came into use in the area.

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is now posting signs at major boat launches about the crab ordinance.

It is illegal to take crab traps or crabs from traps not licensed to you. Punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for the first offense.

Theft of crabs and crab traps is the number one concern of crab fishermen on the Coast. And that I have been told by recreational crabbers many, many times.

There are some people who do not respect the property of others, period.

USS Cole ceremony offers solemn message

On April 19, 2002 I attended the send-off ceremony for the USS Cole at Northrop Grumman Ingalls in Pascagoula. As I joined Ingalls employees, Navy officials, and local residents for this event, no one could miss the significance of what was taking place.

In October 2000, a small boat loaded with explosives maneuvered up alongside the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen. Explosives hidden in the boat were detonated blowing a hole in the side of the ship and killing 17 American sailors on board including one sailor from Mississippi.

The explosion was later

attributed to Osama bin Laden's terrorist group al-Qaeda.

The Cole was moved from Yemen to Ingalls by a heavy lifting ship. Since it arrived in Pascagoula the USS Cole was entrusted to the skilled hands and expertise of Ingalls workers and engineers.

These men and women build the best ships in the world, and their work on the Cole lives up to their international reputation for excellence.

Over the course of 14 months Ingalls put forth a monumental effort to restore the ship to working order. At times of peak production there were as many

as 700 workers assigned to work on the Cole.

The ship was repaired, and some new features were added including 17 stars laid in the hallway in memory of the sailors killed in the bombing.

Everyone connected with the repair of the Cole understood that to have the ship back out to sea would be a clear statement to terrorists around the globe.

With the USS Cole we are telling the world: America is not weakened, nor does it back down in terrorist attacks; and to have the USS Cole sailing the world's oceans with its turbines at full ahead under the red, white and blue is a great way to send that message.

I know the workers of Ingalls harbored a special affection for the wounded

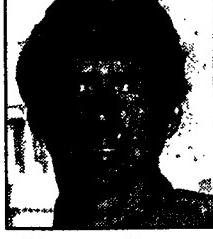
ship. It was in that same shipyard that the Aegis guided missile destroyer was originally built and it was only appropriate to have her repaired there as well.

Indeed all of South Mississippi should be proud of the integral role the men and women of Ingalls played in the success story of the Cole.

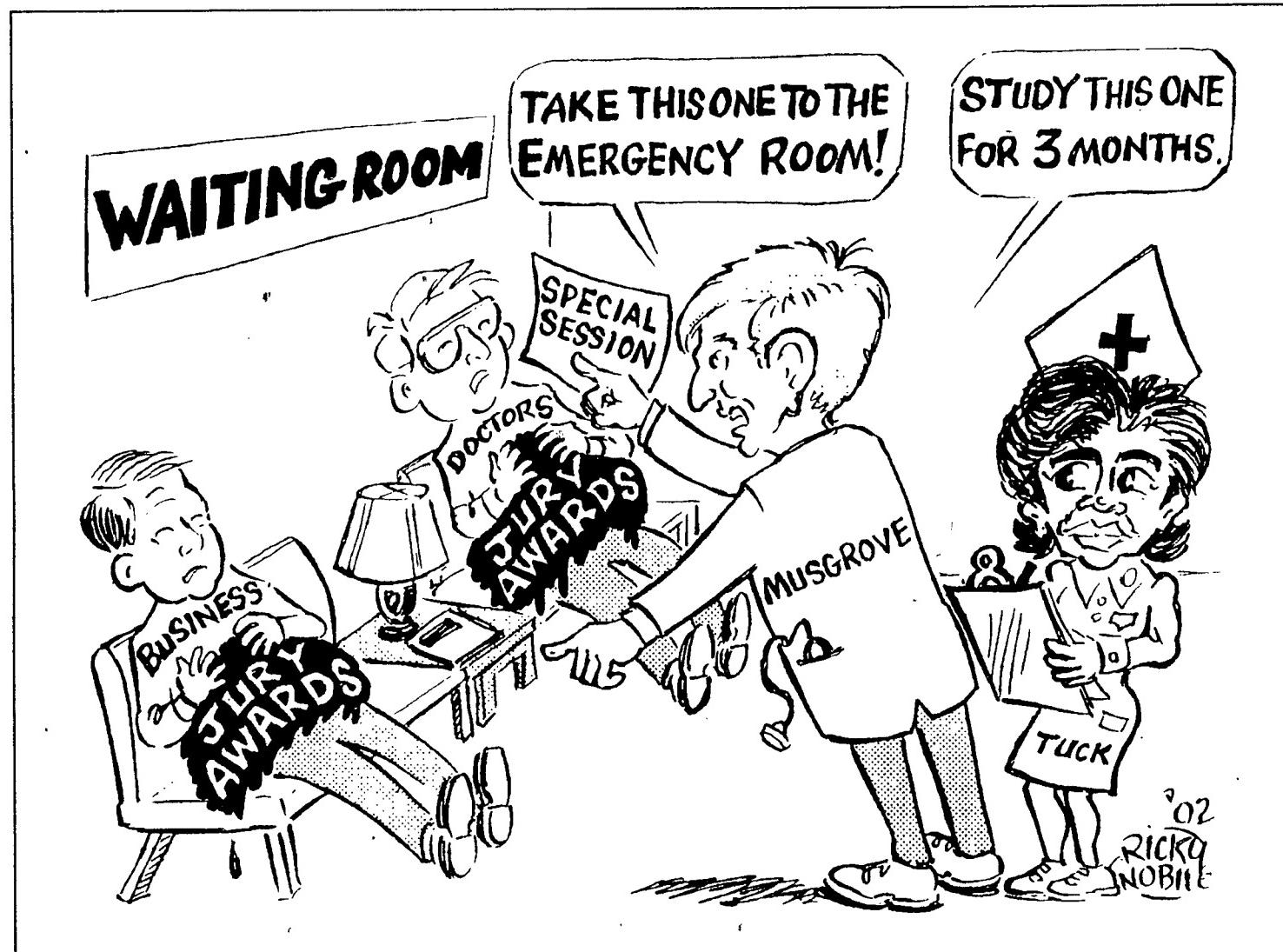
Then again, South Mississippi has always done its part when it comes to helping our nation defend itself. We are home to military installations for the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force.

Recently the Army Reserve started planning for the construction of a 500,000-square-foot warehouse complex to store

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News from Congress

By U.S. Rep.
Gene Taylor

Letters to the Editor

Sea Coast Echo needs serious improvement

Editor:

As a regular reader of The Sea Coast Echo, I find most of the articles informative and interesting. I know I will get flack for what I am about to say, but somebody should have said it long ago.

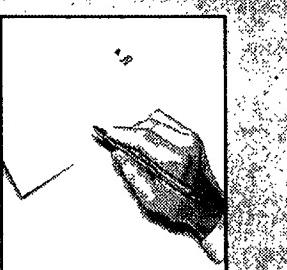
I am often troubled by typographical errors that are so obvious a second grade child could spot them. You have a couple of writers that, as I often say, "couldn't write their way out of a paper bag."

Topics that would be of interest are completely ignored. (Example: The construction on Highway 90 just west of Waveland: Nothing! The Wal-Mart expansion: Nothing for ages! But let somebody cut a ribbon on a business and bingo: Big picture!) I realize this is a small town and a small newspaper, but I think you could do a better job.

The classifieds repeatedly put apostrophes where they don't belong. You run an ad for a restaurant (Ricky's) with no identification as to what it is.

As far as the ad shows it could be a second-hand

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Our letters policy

Q What is the filing fee for UCC 3 terminations?

A Pursuant to Section 75-9-525(a), until December 31, 2007, the fee for filing a UCC 3 Termination State Statement on the standard form (both the National form and the Mississippi Secretary of State approved form) is \$10 and \$13 if a nonstandard form is used.

Some of your other writers, though not very good, at least use their own words and their own material with occasional quotes, but Mr. Cuevas - my! my!

Don't worry, I'll continue to read the Echo, and I'm sure I'll continue to get upset (hell, even The Times Picayune has typos.)

As far as the ad shows it could be a second-hand

attend and receive a training certificate and do not exceed six days per year. (Attorney General's opinion to Phillips dated February 1, 2002)

Q May a sheriff require a bonding company to furnish a financial statement, liability insurance or a list of assets that covers the bonds they write prior to approving a bond?

A Section-99-5-15 allows a sheriff to examine a bondsman under oath or take his affidavit in writing to obtain enough information about the bondsman to show that the bondsman is solvent and has the ability to meet the obligation of the bond?

Q May election commissioners be paid for attending training events other than those sponsored by the Secretary of State's Office?

A Yes, in the discretion of

the board of supervisors,

providing they actually

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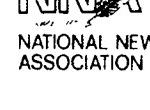
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Date: June 6

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

Find out about the many benefits of therapeutic massage for the expectant Mom (and Dad, too!) from an experienced RN and licensed Massage Therapist. Plus, bring a ready and willing partner to learn and practice stress busting and pain relieving techniques you can use at home and during birth. Class size is limited to 10. Pre-registration is required. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909

Our New Baby

SMH Parenting Center Staff

Date: Sunday, June 9

Time: 3:30-5:30 p.m./FREE

Place: 12th Street Annex, Conference Room A

This class prepares children, ages 3 and up, for the arrival of their new sibling. Pre-registration is required. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to register.

Breastfeeding Services

SMH Breastfeeding Services is staffed by experienced board certified lactation consultants, who can help you with common concerns or with difficult and challenging breastfeeding situations. The SMH Breastfeeding Rental and Sales Station offers Medela breast pumps for rent or purchase, nursing bras, and a wide range of breastfeeding supplies. Call (985) 649-8663 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to talk with a consultant or to schedule a consultation.

Breastfeeding Clinic

SMH Lactation Consultants

Date: Wednesday, June 19

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

An informal discussion of the advantages of breastfeeding and how to get started. Expectant parents, new moms, second-time moms, and grandparents are welcome to attend. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Breastfeeding Support Group **NEW**

SMH Lactation Consultants

Date: June 12, 26

Time: 11 a.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

Receive information from our certified lactation consultants and support from other breastfeeding moms. To pre-register call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Lamaze

Phyllis Noveh, B.S., A.C.C.E.R.

Place: SMH Fitness Center

Lamaze is a method of childbirth which prepares expectant parents mentally and physically for pregnancy, labor and the postpartum period. Call (985) 663-5430 to register.

The Bradley Method of Childbirth

Suzanne Melhado

Certified Bradley Instructor

Place: SMH Parenting Center

Through its two goals, the Bradley Method of Childbirth prepares couples for the experience of childbirth. Classes cover all aspects of pregnancy, labor and the postpartum period. Call Suzanne Melhado (985) 649-5468.

Prenatal Exercise

SMH Fitness Center

Prenatal Exercise is FREE to all pregnant women who have pre-admitted at Slidell Memorial Hospital. This fitness program was implemented with strict adherence to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology guidelines. Individual attention and supervision are given by individuals with an in-depth knowledge of exercise and its effects. For more information and to register, call (985) 645-2955.

Tiny Tots Fun and Fitness

Parenting Center Staff

Dates: Tuesdays, June 11-July 16

(six week series)

Times: 9:00-9:45 a.m./18-36 months

10:00-10:45 a.m./Walking-17 months

11:00-11:45 a.m./3 months-Prewalking

Place: SMH Fitness Center

Fee: \$30.00

Parents and children can participate in age-specific exercises, use specially designed equipment to enhance coordination and stress the importance of physical play, while fostering self-esteem. Activities for walkers include obstacle courses, parachute fun, musical activities and equipment time on balance beams, slides, tunnels, rockers, and much more. Come dressed for action. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Register early as class size is limited and fills quickly. Please call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Slidell Mother of Twins

Date: Wednesday, June 5

Time: 7:30 p.m./FREE

Place: SMH Parenting Center

Mothers of multiples meet monthly to share experiences and learn more about the joys of raising children. For more information, contact Dawn Dubisson at (985) 645-0533 or Alicia Quarles at (985) 643-4196.

Greater New Orleans Immunization Network

Sponsored by Slidell Memorial Hospital

Dates: June 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Place: SMH Legacy Medical Park

Next to the Founder's Building

1150 Robert Blvd.

FREE immunizations provided by the GNOIN mobile unit. For all children, birth to 18 years of age. A copy of the child's immunization record is required. No appointment necessary. For more information please call (504) 733-3268.

HEALTH BEAT

JUNE 2002

Prostate Cancer and Common Urological Problems in Men

Esteban Romano, M.D.

Urology

Date: Wednesday, June 19

Time: 11:00 a.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

As part of Men's Health month, Dr. Romano will discuss prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men over the age of 40; what to look for, the importance of PSA screenings and treatments. Dr. Romano will also answer questions on common urological problems in men. Pre-registration is required. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

TEAM Med Injury Clinic for Junior High and High School Athletes / Free

Place: SMH Medical Pavilion

501 Robert Blvd., 1st floor

TEAM Med offers a free weekly clinic for high school and junior high school athletes to assess and treat sports-related injuries. If necessary, they will aid in making appropriate referrals for further medical care. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Chuck Haaga, (985) 847-1148.

KIDMED Screenings

Dates: Monday-Friday

Place: SMH Medical Office Building

1051 Gause Blvd., Suite 360

KIDMED is a wellness program for children who have a current Louisiana Medicaid card. It features head-to-toe physical and developmental (Denver) screenings and immunizations for children from infants through 18 year olds. KIDMED screenings are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call (985) 649-8775 or toll-free 1-800-259-2200, extension 8775.

OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES

501 Robert Blvd., 1st Floor

SMH Outpatient Rehabilitation offers Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy Services. For more information, call (985) 847-9355. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. We also offer Saturday hours from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Call SMH Fitness Center at (985) 649-2955 for more information.

Free Senior Eye Screenings

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WorkWise proudly offers Mr. B.K. Tomlin from the Louisiana Department of Labor who will speak on "Bloodborne Pathogens and OSHA Consultations" at our monthly breakfast meeting. All company management-level folks are encouraged to attend. For more information please call Diana or Juanita at WorkWise office (985) 645-2975.

HOSPICE OUTREACH

Picayune Hospice Dinner Club

Date: Thursday, June 13

Time: 12 noon

Slidell Hospice Dinner Club

Date: Monday, June 17

Time: 5:00 p.m.

This social gathering is held at a different restaurant each month for anyone who has lost a spouse/significant other and wants to socialize with others. For more information, call (985) 847-0174 in Slidell or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8533 in Mississippi.

Slidell Hospice Bereavement Support Group

Place: Slidell Hospice Office

1045 Florida Ave.

Picayune Hospice Bereavement Support Group

Place: SMH Picayune Hospice Office

300 W. Canal

These six week sessions are scheduled throughout the year at no cost for grieving adults. For information on times and places to register call Bereavement Care Counselors at (985) 847-0174 in Slidell or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8533 in Mississippi.

CANCER SERVICES

Slidell Memorial Hospital will sponsor the

Celebration of Life

as part of the fourteenth annual

National Cancer Survivors Day (NCSD)

Date: Saturday June 1, 2002

Time: 1pm-3:30pm

Place: SMH Founder's Building

1150 Robert Rd

Theme: "Saluting Bravery" to the many Cancer Survivors.

Wear Red, White and Blue. NCSD is a time to recognize our nation's 8.9 million cancer survivors, to focus attention on the issues of survivorship, and to acknowledge those professionals dedicated to cancer treatment, research and support services.</

Diocese of Biloxi marks 25th anniversary

In order to allow for greater participation of parishioners throughout the diocese, there will be five masses in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in each of the five deaneries, or areas, that comprise the diocese.

The celebrations are as follows:

- Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis for the West Coast Deanery. That deanery includes Our Lady of the Gulf and St. Rose de Lima; St. Ann/St. John, Clermont Harbor; Sacred Heart, Dedeaux; St. Stephen, St. Ann and St. William, DeLisle; Annunciation, Kiln; Our Lady of Lourdes, Out Mother of Mercy and St. Paul, Pass Christian; St. Joseph, Pearlington; St. Charles Borromeo, Picayune; St. Clare, Waveland, and St. Matthew the Apostle, White Cypress.

- Monday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at Our Lady of Victories Church in Pascagoula for the East Coast Deanery. Parishes within that deanery are St. Mary, Gautier, St. Joseph, Moss Point (St. Ann, Hurley); St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth Seton in Ocean Springs; Our Lady of

Victories, Sacred Heart and St. Peter the Apostle in Pascagoula, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Vancleave (Christ the King, Latimer).

- Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m., at St. James Church, Gulfport, for the Central Coast Deanery. That deanery includes St. Ann (Lizana), St. James, St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph, and St. Therese in Gulfport, and St. Thomas the Apostle in Long Beach.

- Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg for the Northern Deanery.

Parishes in that deanery include St. Peter, Bassfield (and its St. Lawrence, Monticello and St. Mary, Prentiss Missions), Holy Trinity, Columbia (St. Paul the Apostle Mission, Tylertown), Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, and St. Thomas in Hattiesburg; Immaculate Conception, Laurel; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lumberton (St. Joseph Mission, Poplarville); St. Bernedette, Waynesboro (Holy Trinity, Leakesville); and St. Francis Xavier, Wiggins (St. Lucy, Lucedale).

- Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m., at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral in Biloxi for the East Central Coast Deanery. That deanery includes Nativity Cathedral

Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Mother Of Sorrows, Sacred Heart (D'Iberville, St. John, St. Louis, St. Mary Woolmarket), St. Michael and The Church of the Vietnamese Martyrs, all in Biloxi.

The Diocese of Biloxi, established June 6, 1977, was formerly part of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson. The diocese, created during the Pontificate of Pope Paul VI, comprises the 17 southern-most counties of Mississippi, extending from the Louisiana state line to the west to the Alabama state line to the east, and north to include Jones and Wayne counties (east) and Lawrence County (west).

Most Reverend Joseph Lawson Howze, the first bishop of the diocese, retired last June after serving as Bishop of Biloxi for 24 years. Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi was ordained as bishop and installed as head of the diocese on July 2, of last year.

All celebrations will be tri-lingual - English, Spanish and Vietnamese - to reflect the ethnic diversity of the Church of Biloxi.

Father Tommy Conway, pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Hattiesburg and head of the Northern Deanery, addressing the logistics of five different celebrations, said

Bishop Thomas Rodi, is placing new emphasis on the deaneries in an effort to reach out to as many people of all faiths as possible.

Bishop Rodi "is very anxious to make this significant historical moment a celebration in which all the people of the diocese can participate," Father Conway explained, adding that the bishop "is a strong advocate of ecumenism ..."

Father Conway said that ministers of various denominations, as well as community representatives from all 13 cities and towns in the (northern) deanery have been extended a special invitation to attend the celebration.

Father George Murphy, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg, said that church was selected as the site for the Northern Deanery anniversary celebration "because it is the Mother Church of the deanery," and is large enough to accommodate the anticipated number of participants.

Sacred Heart was established in 1900.

A reception at the Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center will follow the Northern Deanery liturgy.

All parishioners of the Diocese of Biloxi and friends of the diocese are encouraged to attend one of the five celebrations.

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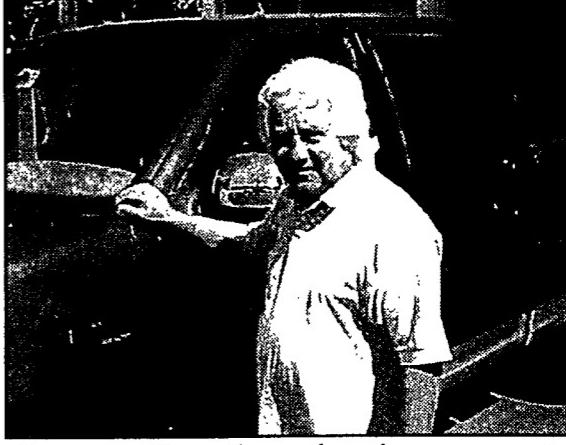
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Featuring fresh Gulf Coast seafood, the menu includes savory gumbo, shrimp po-boys, seafood platters and world-famous crab stuffed potatoes, as well as new delicacies such as shrimp quesadillas and Shrimp Monique by JoAnn Hanson York and onion mums by Msgr. Dennis Carver.

For those interested in more than seafood, hamburgers, hot dogs and eggrolls will be available.

Finish the meal with one of the sweet treats provided by St. Paul parishioners

and the Sisters of Mercy. Entertainment begins Friday night with the cool sounds of STARZ at 8 p.m.

On Saturday night, everybody's favorite party band, Dr. Rock and the Interns, will jam from 8 until.

Keith Hoda and The Beach Brothers will help close out the festival on Sunday.

On Saturday, 6 - 8 p.m., Weird Wayne of Classic Rock 105.9 will host a special remote broadcast with loads of prizes from Triad Broadcasting and Budweiser.

Once again, the kids can enjoy carnival rides and games. Over 40 crafters will be featured this year, along with a silent auction of vacation packages, charter fishing trips, artwork, jew-

elry, sports memorabilia and much more.

As a highlight of the silent auction, each class from St. Paul Elementary School has donated a school desk painted by local artists.

Saturday morning, the Gulf Coast Running Club

will host a 5K run at 8.

Festival hours are Friday, from 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, from 11 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For tickets and details on

any of the events, contact

St. Paul Catholic School at 228-452-7359.

IMPORTANT RECYCLING NOTICE: COLLECTION DAYS ARE CHANGING TO EVERY OTHER WEEK.

BAY ST. LOUIS AND WAVELAND WILL START BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING THE WEEK OF JUNE 3RD THROUGH THE 7TH.

DIAMONDHEAD WILL START BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING THE WEEK OF JUNE 10TH THROUGH THE 14TH.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY RECYCLING:

Information packets will be placed in recycling bins the last two weeks in May. The packets include a calendar showing your recycling days through December. If you don't get a packet, call the number below.

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Sewer -- leak, set-backs

expected to be up and running last May.

Commissioners have had their share of problems while trying to bring the system on line. Last month they fired Duke Levy and Associates, the engineering and design firm in charge of the project. They hired Compton Engineering to correct problems in the lines already in place.

At the time, Commissioners said that they had been notified by Levy's consulting engineer Bruce Newton, that they

could allow about 800 residents to hook up to water lines. The district conducted their own water tests and found that six out of 13 samples did not meet drinkable water standards, according to the health department.

Greenbriar, out of Brookhaven, the contractor responsible for construction of the leaky system, has been working with the district to try to make repairs, so far to no avail.

J.P. Comprenetta, the district's attorney, said he

believes that pressure tests supposedly performed when lines were completed were either not done or were inadequately performed or leaks would have been discovered at that time. Clemens agreed.

Clemens suggested that the district establish Greenbriar's stand on fixing the leaks, "are they going to fix them or not," and if not he suggested the district arrange some one else to do the repairs, and access damages owed by Greenbriar. The district still holds close

to \$100,000 owed to Greenbriar, said Commissioner Al Smith.

"They(Greenbriar) seem to have excuses for why the leaks are there, but do not seem to take responsibility for what they have done," said Commissioner Sid Davis.

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Ban

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"We are in a very dry and dangerous situation," Pate said. "This means no outside burning of any kind, including burning of materials in barrels."

Pate stressed that the ban is in effect in the unincorporated areas of the county only - not in the cities of Waveland or Bay St. Louis.

Fire departments in both Harrison County and Jackson County in recent days have fought blazes from controlled burns and trash fires that spread, including a blaze near the

foot of the Bay St. Louis bridge on the Pass Christian side.

The most serious fire started Tuesday in the Hurley-Wade area and continued to burn on Wednesday.

Jackson County fire coordinator Ray Watson said a private contractor was trying to burn about 200 acres when the fire spread over an additional 1,200 acres.

"It was nasty, but there was no personal property or people injured," Watson said.

Two out-of-control trash

fires at mid-week damaged about 50 acres off Overlook Road in Vancleave and 15 acres off Mississippi 63 in the Escatawpa area.

A Wednesday fire damaged an estimated 15 acres in the Gulf Park Estates area in Ocean Springs. It also was a trash fire that got out of control, officials said.

Pate said that Hancock County residents with questions about the ban may call him at 466-4709, or the Hancock County Sheriff's Department at 467-5101.

Taylor

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equipment at the Seabee Base in Gulfport.

Also, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in Pascagoula was recently awarded the \$2.87 billion contract for the lead ship of the DD(S) family of Navy warships.

While attending the ceremony for the Cole April 19, I felt that I was witnessing a defining moment for America.

Gathered that day were military, elected officials, shipyard workers, and families.

They were there because one of our own had been attacked and wounded, but was standing tall again. I

thought, this is why America is strong, this is why we can overcome challenges of all kinds.

It is the same indomitable spirit that drove the pilgrims, our founding fathers, and every person who has come to this country to forge a better life. America has an understanding that freedom does not come easy.

We work hard to make sure we can live the life we want to live. For America no effort is too great for the safety of our family, friends, and freedom.

Congratulations to the Navy for having the USS

Cole back better than ever. I would also like to thank everyone at Ingalls for all their hard work and continuing efforts to make South Mississippi proud.

Pot

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go anywhere from \$800 to \$1,200 per pound.

He arrested the driver, Neville Brooks, 39, and passenger Karimou Sylla, also 39. Brooks is a Jamaican national, Esposito said, but listed an Ocala, Fla. address. Sylla is told Esposito he is from West Africa, but also listed a Florida address.

Esposito said Sylla also gave officers a false name.

The two men were stopped at the nine-and-a-

half mile marker in the eastbound lane of I-10, near the rest stop. They were apparently en route from Houston to Florida, Esposito said.

Both Brooks and Sylla were charged with possession of an illegal substance with intent to distribute and transported to the Hancock County Justice Facility

Ala. writing workshop scheduled June 7-8

The 2002 Southern Christian Writers Conference workshop will be June 7 and 8 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. It is the largest writing workshop in the Southeast.

Designed for both beginning and experienced writers, it will include instruction on writing and publishing books, magazine articles, novels, screenplays, newsletters, and other topics.

Sessions are geared to writers interested in both Christian and secular publishing.

Details on the workshop may be obtained by contact-

ing Joanne Sloan, SCWC Coordinator, P.O. Box 1106, Northport, AL 35476 (phone 205-333-8603 or e-mail scwc2002@aol.com).

Gilbert Morris, author of 177 novels, will deliver a keynote address on "Succeeding as a Writer."

Other speakers are Esther Burroughs, book author, lyricist, and inspirational speaker; travel writer Judy Bates; Germaine Copeland, founder of Word Ministries and author of the best-selling book series "Prayers That Avail Much"; and Bill Field, an award-winning screenwriter for television and films.

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Applications for Phase 3 of the sewer system and

water distribution system have been submitted and are waiting for approval. Commissioners passed a motion to allow Compton Engineering to prepare specs for a Phase 4 funding application.

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Obituaries

G. BRENNAN
ADELE M. COLLINS
EVA DEVANE
PEGGY REED
L. STAFFORD
OLIE J. YATES

G. BRENNAN

Geraldine R. Brennan, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, May 24, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Ms. Brennan was a legal secretary. She was a resident of the Gulf Coast for five years and a former resident of New Orleans. She attended Millsaps College and Ole Miss where she was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, L. L. and Rosalie Roberts.

Survivors include a brother, Hale Roberts of Diamondhead; nieces Tracy Lee Roberts of Boston, Mass. and Lyndon Gayle Roberts of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a nephew, Hale Roberts Jr. of Jackson, Miss.

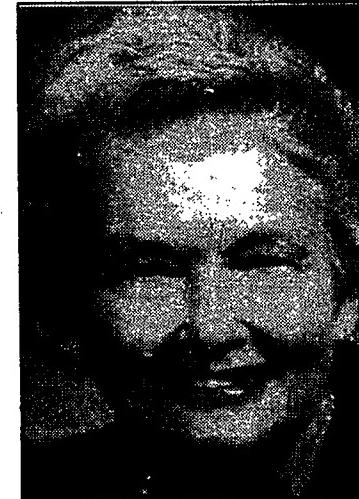
Burial will take place at a later date in Brookhaven, Miss.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

ADELE M. COLLINS

Adele M. Collins, age unavailable, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Friday, May 24, 2002, in Gulfport, MS.

Arrangements are pending at Lockett-Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport.



EVA DEVANE

Eva Virginia (Ginny) DeVane, 75, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. DeVane was born Dec. 2, 1926 to Ben and Fannie Dalton in Lebanon Junction, Ky., but grew up in Florida. She was graduated from Duke University School of Nursing in 1947 and married Howard T. DeVane that same year. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, H. T. (Tim) DeVane; daughter Pat Waggener and husband Bill of Houston, Texas; son Tim DeVane Jr. and wife Barb Grass of St. Paul, Md.; son David DeVane and wife Kathleen of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and brother Ben Dalton of Peterborough, N.H.

Visitation will be today, May 26 in Rebecca Hall at Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m. in the sanc-

tuary.

The family prefers donations to M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Fund, payable to: MDACC Development Office, P.O. Box 297153, Houston, TX 77297.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

PEGGY REED

Peggy Reed, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, MS, died Friday, May 24, 2002, in Gulfport, MS.

Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis.

L. STAFFORD

Lorraine Bolivia Stafford, 79, of Waveland, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Stafford was a native of Palestine, Ill. and a resident of Waveland for 43 years. She was a Protestant.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Shelton Stafford; her father, Bev Louis Shaffer; a brother, Paul Martin Shaffer; and a sister, Norma Jean Shaffer.

Survivors include daughters Alta Leona Clutter of Cowden, Ill. and Judith "Judy" Kay Stafford of Columbus, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and interment in Waveland Cemetery.

OLIE J. YATES

Ollie J. Yates, 72, of Diamondhead, MS, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at Watervliet Community Hospital, Watervliet, Mich.

He was born in Hammond, IN, and raised in Chicago area and graduated from Morgan Park High School.

Yates was the founder, past president and board chairman of Midlothian State Bank.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ollie and Susan (Einsele) Yates, Sr., a daughter, Mary Yates, a sister, Fran Dosenbach.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Phyllis Grill Yates; three sons, James Yates of Houston, TX, Mark Yates of Columbus, OH and Ken Yates of Fort Wayne, IN; five daughters, Paula Cook of Niles, MI, Donna Anderson of Cummings, GA, Leslie Balgwyn of Hamilton, MI, Beth Mannino of Watervliet, MI and Lauren Longo of Bolingbrook, IL; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one brother, Phillip Yates and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held May 24 at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet, and a Mass of Christian burial on Saturday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet, burial followed in Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Watervliet. Memorials may be directed to the Diabetes Association or to Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

Each of the three main gallery rooms will be dedicated to works with dominant reds, blues and yellows.

The free opening reception will be Friday, May 31, 7-9 p.m. There will be free wine and refreshments served.

The public attending this reception will also have an opportunity to vote on their favorite exhibited work for

Waveland Library closes to prepare for construction project

The Waveland Library will be closed beginning Tuesday, May 28 in preparation for renovation and expansion of the library, according to Prima Plauché, library system director.

Books and other media will temporarily be distributed to the library system's other branches, and will be returned to the Waveland Library upon reopening.

MLH, Inc., of Gulfport, has been awarded the construction contract, and Walter Bolton, of BDA, Inc., is the architect for the project. The building will be expanded from 3,000 to 5,000 square feet, and will include numerous improvements.

Waveland Library users and children wishing to register for the library system's 2002 Summer Reading Program are urged to use any of the system's other three branches: Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, Kiln Public Library or Pearlington Public Library.

Library cards that were issued at the Waveland Library are systemwide cards and may be used at any of the library system's branches.

The exterior book return for the Waveland Library will remain at the site temporarily. When construction begins, a notice will be published in the new location for the book return.

Further information on the project can be obtained by contacting the library system headquarters facility at 467-5282.



AWARD CONTRACT — The Waveland Board of Aldermen awarded the contract for the Waveland Library expansion/renovation project to MLH, Inc. of Gulfport. Pictured are, seated from left, Alderman Charles Piazza, Louie Smolensky, Ricky Geoffrey, and Milton Bernard; City Clerk Lisa Planchard and Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo; standing, David Woodburn, Hancock County Library System assistant director, Sheila Cork, library system coordinator of public and information services, Linda McKay, library system financial officer, Mary M. Cassis, library system board of trustees chair; and Prima Plauché, library system director.

Births

MARA MCKINLEY

LATHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Latham of Diamondhead announce the birth of their second child, Mara McKinley, March 11, 2002 at 12:04 p.m. at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Latham is the former Michelle L. Green.

Maternal grandparents are Carol and Brian Spychalski of Gulfport and Michael Green of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Ann Latham of Diamondhead.

Great-grandparents include Edith Tenly and Sam Tenly, Claude and Ethel Green, all of Bay St. Louis, and Leonard and Irene Palmer of London, England.

Mara McKinley is welcomed by her sister, Madison Ellyse.

SHELBY KATHERINE DEAN

Harlan and Margie Dean of Clinton, announce the birth of a daughter, Shelby

Katherine, April 18, 2002 at River Oaks Hospital in Jackson.

Maternal grandparents are Ed and Bertha Morgan of Ocean Springs.

Paternal grandparents are H. G. and Gloria Dean of Diamondhead.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mrs. Buckridge is the former Regina Brian.

Maternal grandparents are Sharon Jorden and Sammy Jorden of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Kim Hager and David Lee Buckridge Sr. of Long Beach.

Great-grandparents include Earline Martin, Bob Martin, Bobby Pisarich and Virgie Ridgeway.

Gaige is welcomed by brother Trey and sisters Kaitlyn and Savannah.

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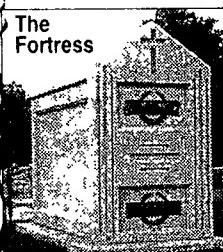
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St. Rock celebrates Family, Friends Day

St. Rock United Methodist Church, 301 Herlihy Street in Waveland, will celebrate Family and Friends Day today, May 26 at 2 p.m.

This is also League Day.

Speaker will be the Rev. Donald L. Peters.

Refreshments will be served after services.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Cellular South improves D'head coverage

Cellular South, the largest privately held wireless provider in the United States, announced the completion of a new digital wireless communications tower in Diamondhead.

This tower, a second for the Diamondhead area, will increase call capacity and improve wireless hand-held coverage in the Diamondhead community and surrounding areas.

This site, which is located on the north side of Interstate 10 at the Diamondhead Exit, will also provide enhanced hand-held coverage for that section of Interstate 10.

In 2001, Cellular South expanded its network with additional towers in existing markets and through network of Destin and Fort Walton, Fla., as well as Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.

The expansion reinforces the company's commitment to their customers to provide the best coverage and clarity possible at an affordable price.

"Cellular South strives to offer our customers the best service," said Jim Richmond, area manager for Cellular South.

"This new site will increase our service and capacity for customers in the Diamondhead community as well as those traveling through on community as well as those traveling through on Interstate 10."



Quality award

Hancock Medical Center is one of only 10 organizations statewide recognized for outstanding efforts in the area of continuous quality improvement. The hospital received the Quality Commitment Award from the Mississippi Quality Awards program at a recently ceremony at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson. All award criteria are based on the Baldrige National Quality Award. HMC administrator Hal Leftwich, FACHE, second from left, accepted the award from Governor Ronnie Musgrove. HMC quality resources director Susan Stevens, left, and HMC chief financial officer Brandon Slocum, right, also attended the event.



Ribbon cutting

Four Seasons Nursery and Tropicals, Highway 603 and Longfellow, recently held a ribbon cutting celebration. In attendance were Mary Perkins, Robbie Bobinger, Abigale Whatley, owner Dewey Bobinger, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce executive director Tish Williams, Margaret Hadden, Jim Eastridge and many others. The business offers a wide range of tropicals, bedding plants and trees. The company specializes in landscape and irrigation projects. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Collins elected to lead FGH

T. Jay Collins has been elected to serve as chairman of the board for Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB:FGHLQ), replacing J. L. Holloway who recently resigned.

Collins, president, COO and director of Oceaneering International, Inc., has served as a director on Friede Goldman's board since 1997 and presently serves as chairman of the Restructuring Committee.

In accepting the chairmanship, Collins said, "The Reorganization Committee and the board of directors of Friede Goldman are working diligently with the Creditors Committee to maximize the value of the estate for both the secured and unsecured creditors.

"We will continue to contract and execute new jobs while pursuing appropriate reorganization options with the help of loyal employees, customers and suppliers."

Sale completed

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB:FGHLQ) announced the closing of the previously announced sale of the company's AmClyde Division located in St. Paul, Minn., for approximately \$36 million (USD) to Hydralift ASA, a Norwegian company.

"This is an important step," said Jack Stone, president and chief executive officer of Friede Goldman Halter.

"The completion of this transaction provides a major portion of the liquidity necessary to accomplish the financial restructuring."

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SPORTS

Former USM great Randolph Keys shows EHE the 'Keys' to success

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The colors were flying high at East Hancock Elementary School on Kiln-DeLisle Road on Thursday.

The reason for the excitement was the celebration of "Heroes" by the school. The students of the school honored those individuals who have become "heroes" in the school, community, county, state, and nation through their dedication, loyalty, and respect of fellow man.

Randolph Keys was named the keynote speaker of the ceremony. Keys is a former basketball great who has since finished his playing career but not the impact that he has on young people.

He addressed the students from personal experience about how to succeed, respect for fellow man, and giving back to the community that he came from. Keys, a native of Collins, continued his basketball career at the University of Southern Mississippi from 1984-88. As a 6-7 guard, he helped lead the Golden Eagles to the NIT national championship in 1987. Upon graduation, he was drafted in the first round by the Cleveland Cavaliers of the NBA. He also played professionally with the Charlotte Hornets, the Los Angeles Lakers, the Milwaukee Bucks, and overseas in Paris and Italy.

However, Keys does not let his professional career define what he is doing today. He stays grounded in the fact that to get the most out of what life has to offer, one must give back to the people who helped create him. Success for Randolph Keys has come from both on and off the court.

Keys is a counselor with Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg where he primarily works with young people. Keys travels all over to give talks on success, respect, and leadership.

Keys put it plainly to the children of East Hancock Elementary, "If you put trust in your parents and trust in God, then there isn't anything you can't do."

He shies away from being named a role model simply because he is a high profile athlete. Instead, he defers children to trust and emulate parents. Keys stated, "Often athletes are revered and made role models by young people. But, sometimes athletes get into trouble. I would rather emphasize to children that parents are the real role models. They should be the ones that we look up to and model ourselves after."

While reflecting on his playing days at USM, Keys brought up a familiar name in Hancock County. He recalled the name of Jay Ladner, the head basketball coach and athletic director at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis. Ladner has been coaching for 11 years at the all-boys Catholic school.

Keys stated, "I hated to play, Oak Grove and Jay Ladner in high school. We were rivals growing up. Jay



Randolph Keys, former basketball great with the USM Golden Eagles and the L.A. Lakers, speaks on the true meaning of heroism Thursday at East Hancock Elementary.

Ladner was an awesome shooter. It seemed like he didn't miss. Whenever the two schools would play each other, the talk always boiled down to who was going to get more points - Ladner or Keys. Then, we became college teammates. Basketball has taken Jay Ladner many places. But, besides being a great shooter and basketball player, Jay is a great person. The young people are lucky to have him."

Ladner recalled his times playing against and with Keys, "Randolph Keys and I go back a long way. In fact, we started playing each other at least twice a year starting in junior high. It all began as a rivalry of respect. As fate would have it, we ended up playing at USM together. There, we were able to become very close friends. Randolph Keys had a tremendous college career. He would give opposing teams fits because of his combined size and athleticism. He was a class act on the court. He was highly competitive, yet very respectful of the opposing team. Despite being the caliber of player he was on the court, Randolph Keys was an even better person off the court. My compliments to East Hancock Elementary for having Randolph Keys as a keynote speaker for their 'Hero' day. It does not surprise me that he is in a field of service to his fellow man. It shows a great deal of humility on his part to have such a successful collegiate and professional career and come back to work with young people. I am honored to say that he is a good friend of mine."

Alex Meyer, Christopher Parker, Daron Bell, Joey Lottes, and Taylor Cook all sank their shots in the first round for the boys. However, they were not able to advance further against Keys who also showcased a dunk for the children.

It was quite evident by the patience, compassion, and utmost attention that Keys gave to each child in the gym, he has truly found a way to impact youth far beyond the basketball court. Keys maintained that it was not his professional career as a basketball player that prepared him for what he is doing now. Rather, it was the sincere lessons he learned in his childhood from his parents. He stated, "My mother always told me to 'not let a dollar make you a man.' She was correct in saying that because we see these people that make tons of money going up everyday. But, we will see them again on the way down."

For those of us who were able to see Keys in action, we saw what it meant to have respect for fellow man. We saw what just an ounce

of compassion or patience can do for a young person. Now, we know what it means to be a hero and a leader. And, all of that because Randolph showed us the "Keys" to success.

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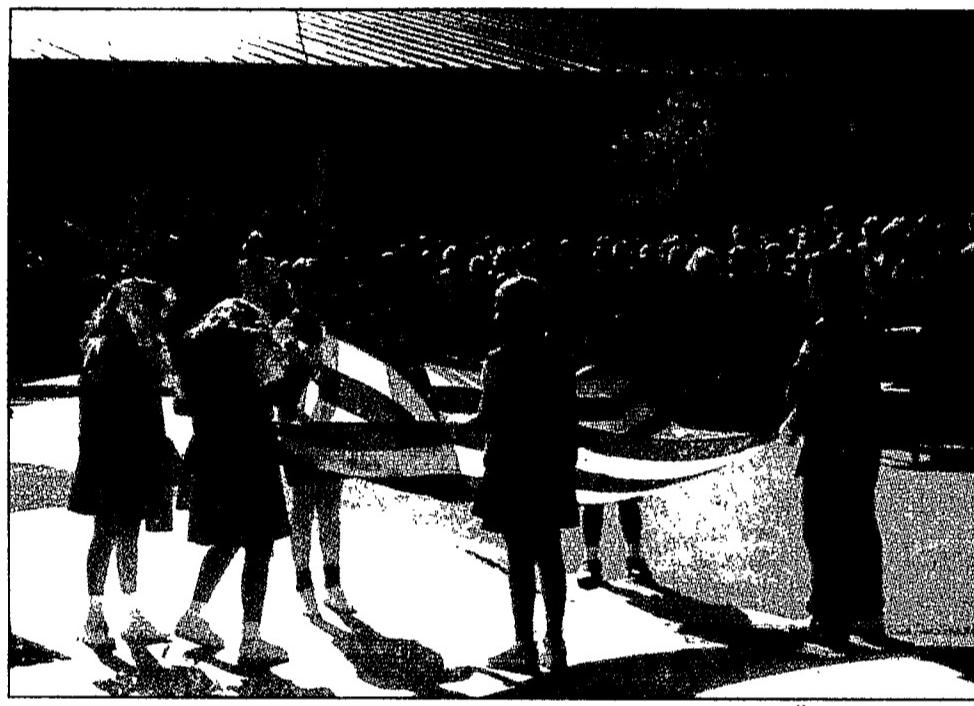
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Heroes at East Hancock Elementary



East Hancock Elementary celebrated the close of school with a celebration of heroes on Thursday. Students and staff honored national and local heroes with speakers and songs and a presentation of colors and flag raising in an outdoor presentation. Kindergartners presented members of the audience with American flags. Immediately following the ceremony local "heroes" talked to individual classes. Special guest speaker was Randolph Keys, former Laker, Special Olympics Board Member and Counselor. "Look around you and you will see tomorrow's heroes," said Keys. "They are you."

Echo Staff Photos
by Bennie Shallbetter



Hurricane Hunters to kick off libraries' Summer Reading Program

It's true! They fly airplanes right into the eye of hurricanes. And the Hurricane Hunters will be flying their WC-130 airplane into the eye of the Hancock County Library System's 2002 Summer Reading Program Wednesday, June 5 beginning at 10 a.m. at Stennis International Airport.

The public is invited to this event, which kicks off a month-long series of programs and activities for the library's Summer Reading Program. In conjunction with the summer reading program, the second annual Hancock County Hurricane Fair will be held in the airport hangar, 7059 Road C. The fair is co-sponsored by the Hancock County Civil Defense, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Colonel Doug Niolet, an avid reader and Bay St. Louis resident, will pilot the WC-130 aircraft to Stennis Airport, along with assistance from Major Val Hendry. Businesses, federal, state and local governmental agencies and non-profit organizations will be participating in the fair.

Building supply companies, health care providers and emergency responders will also be on hand to answer questions and provide up-to-date information on disaster preparedness.

There will be displays on how the Hurricane Hunters put their lives on the line, the life support systems they use, such as rafts, helmets and parachutes.

Air Force Reserve recruiters will also be on hand to talk with anyone interested in obtaining information on a career in the Air Force Reserve.

Command.

The Hurricane Hunters, consisting of 10 Lockheed-Martin WC-130 aircraft and crews, are a one-of-a-kind group, the only Department of Defense organization in the world still flying tropical storms and hurricanes. They are part of the 403rd Wing based at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

The Hurricane Hunters began in the middle of World War II, when Lt. Col. Joe Duckworth took an AT-6 Texan training aircraft into the eye of a hurricane.

Their heritage dates back over 50 years to the 3rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Route, Medium, which began August 7, 1946.

After Hurricane Camille in 1969, congressmen began work to bring the Hurricane Hunters closer to the Coast.

In 1973, the squadron moved to their current home at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

Children, preschool through eighth grade, are eligible to register for the library's summer reading program.

Themed Reading

is a Picnic, programs and activities are normally scheduled for Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Pearlington Public Library;

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library; and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Public Library.

Each registrant receives a reading record, book bag and pencil with which to record books read, and those who complete the program will receive a certificate.

Awards and certificates for the reading program will be presented the week of June 24. A library card is required to check out all

books, which may be checked out at any of the library system's four branches.

To register, children should go to the library branch nearest them, and then visit a branch at least four times during the program, and check out at least six books between May 28 and June 21.

To validate each visit, each reading record must be stamped. Merit stamps will be awarded for every five books reached beyond the basic goal of six books.

For more information on this or any other program, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; or Andrea Kyzar, Pearlington Public Library, 533-0755.

Kentwood Spring Water will be providing water for those attending. Other corporate sponsors include the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, Stennis International Airport, and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

A complete schedule of events can be found on the library's Web page at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

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Hancock High student awarded Nissan scholarship

A Hancock High School student is among four students recognized as the first Nissan Scholarship Program recipients at a press conference at the Nissan Training Center in Canton.

Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority, Dr. Tom Layzell, commissioner of higher education, Institutions of Higher Learning, and Emil Hassan, senior vice president of North American Manufacturing, Purchasing, Quality, and Logistics for Nissan North America, were among the well-wishers.

"These young Mississippians have shown academic achievement, leadership ability and a clear purpose for their careers," said Governor Musgrove. "We are proud of their accomplishments, and look for them to be among the future leaders of our great state."

"We are very proud of these young people and what they mean to the state of Mississippi," said Emil Hassan. "These students represent the future of this great state, and it's exciting to realize that our company will play a role in their education."

The 2002 Nissan Scholarship recipients are Javier J. Calderon, Arlecia L. Hudson, LaRea E. McWilliams, and Karolina Sarnowska.

Sarnowska, of Diamondhead, will graduate from Hancock High School in Kiln, and will study engineering at Mississippi State University. She is the valedictorian of the HHS Class of 2002.

"This is one more benefit of our partnership with Nissan North America," said Mississippi Development Authority executive director Robert J. Rohrlack. "We look for our continued relationship with Nissan to positively impact Mississippi and its citizens."

Each of the scholarship winners met eligibility requirements that included academic achievement, leadership ability, career goals that support the automotive industry and financial need.

The scholarship will cover the cost of full tuition, fees and books. Students must attend a college or university in Mississippi and maintain a 2.5 or better grade point average.

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COMMUNITY

The piers of Hancock County

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estranza La Violette
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We had a vicious storm yesterday, just under four inches of rain and a lot of violent wind. This

morning's view of the Sound with its calm, sun-sparkling water, gentle winds and a bright, seemingly endlessly clear sky belies yesterday's turmoil.

From the porch I can see a long berm on the beach made up of sand dropped during the passage of yesterday's wind-driven high water. The berm runs parallel to the shoreline, damming behind it elongated pools of mixed rain and Sound water. Later this morning Jennie, Holly and I will walk down to the beach and see what can be found in these pools.

Sitting on the long berm as if it belongs there, is a twenty-foot section of someone's pier. It doesn't take much looking to find out where this wreckage came from; the long linear run of pier fragments that forms the remains of Carrere's pier just to our west is missing its end.

What I am looking at is just one part of several years' deterioration. I find this sad for number of reasons. The most immediate is that the section's former position far out in the water gave fishermen a place to sit and fish, or at least a dry place to store their gear as they wade fished beside it.

Now there are just the support poles sticking upright in the water and about three hundred yards

away the section proper resting on our beach. I see the pelicans have already laid claim to the poles and I suppose tomorrow the beach crew will declare for the long boards of the section.

I'm sad in a broader sense because I am looking at what appears to be a symbol of the ending of an era that extends back more than a hundred years. That's a long time.

In the early part of the last century and in the century before, summer homes were built in Hancock County by people wishing to get away from the heat of New Orleans and pier were an integral part of the beach homes that these summer people built.

Piers such as Carrier's pier are relics of those days, long ago days, days before air conditioning. Along with gazebos and shoo-flys, these structures served the purpose of letting people go out in the cool of the evening and enjoy the land/sea breezes.

People tend to forget there were times like that. They forged in the way they find it hard to think of a time when there was no television and even further back, no radio. But there were such times and the piers are reminders of those times.

We think that the Coast becoming a resort because of the Casinos is something new. The truth is the Coast at one time was a resort of great repute because of the very reasons that the piers were built.

Our communities' closeness to the waters of the Sound tends to mitigate the



A recent sunset on some private piers at Cedar Point.

Echo file photo

higher temperatures common during the long hot summers we have. The history and growth of coastal Hancock county at the end of the last century hinged on this fact.

In the late 1860's, families would come to the Coast from New Orleans to spend the summer. They built homes here in an effort to get away from the miasma of the city in summer and to take advantage of the "balmy breezes and the good coastal airs."

Their journey here was involved. One took a train to Lake Pontchartrain and then a steam packet to the Coast towns via the Rigolets and anyone making the trip expected to stay for a good part, if not all, of the summer.

The town changed to accommodate these summer residents and local merchants prospered by the expanded needs of a large fairly fixed summer population.

All this changed when a fast and efficient rail service between Mobile and New Orleans was completed.



A reproduction of a post card photo of the old ferry landing and pier at deMontluzin in Bay St. Louis.

ed in 1870. These fast trains brought New Orleans to within one hour's travel time of both Waveland and the Bay.

A new urban aspect was introduced to the coast, the commuter. The trains ran schedules that allowed businessmen to leave their families on the Coast and commute each day to New Orleans.

They could board their "club car" in the Bay at 8 a.m., and in Waveland shortly thereafter, have a leisurely breakfast en route, and debark at Canal Street an hour later. In the afternoon, they would board the train at 4 p.m. and arrive at the Waveland and Bay stations at around 5 p.m.

Now, in addition to the

long-stay summer visitors, people would come for the day or weekend. The area quickly became a fashionable place to go and the population of Hancock County grew.

Back then when people in New Orleans spoke of "the Coast," they were not talking about the Louisiana

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Photo courtesy of the Hancock County Historical Society
A look back at the town of Bay St. Louis from the end of a pier that no longer exists.

1962: Direct dialing comes to Bay St. Louis; long-distance tricky

Back in Time

TEN YEARS AGO

May 17, 1992 - When one hears the phrase "property cleanup," what comes to mind? Derelict buildings? Burned-out homes? Complaints about properties in Bay St. Louis do not include these hazardous structures, but concerns are not limited to them, according to city council clerk Michael Cuevas.

She said complaints vary from district to district, but the trash littering one person's lawn is just as upsetting

to his neighbor in one subdivision as the gutted house is to an adjoining property owner in another.

The city receives complaints about many problems, ranging from burned or collapsing buildings to derelict vehicles and appliances littering a yard, to trash or garbage strewn across any neighborhood dogs.

Gulf Coast Mosquito Control Commission inspectors Wayne Heard and Linda Buckley check

Shoreline Park drainage ditches for mosquito larvae, as they try to fend off the summer insect breeding explosion.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
May 16, 1982 - Armed Forces Week was celebrated on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with a visit by Rear Admiral J.B. Mooney, Jr. of Washington, D.C., oceanographer of the Navy.

He was featured speaker Thursday at a banquet at the Long Beach Ramada

Inn sponsored by numerous Naval agencies in the area and Chambers of Commerce of Hancock County, Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, Picayune and Pass Christian. Mooney's speech was on the role of the Naval

Oceanographic Headquarters located at the National Space Technology Laboratories in Hancock County and how Navy oceanography enhances America's security.

In commenting about the impact of the oceanography

operations in Hancock County he said, "Here in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area, we will spend \$60 million this year within a 50-mile radius of NSTL."

"Our plans for the Naval Oceanographic Center include a 67,000 square foot building for Naval research and development at a cost of \$6 million."

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May 17, 1962 - Direct

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Weddings and Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Dylan Nash

Nash-Scardino

Mary Susan Scardino of Houston, Texas, and Dylan Tobias Nash, also of Houston, were united in marriage April 13, 2002 in an afternoon ceremony in St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

The Rev. Dennis Carver officiated. Music was rendered by Ron Crosby, trumpet; Alana Rutledge, organist; and Samantha Neal, violinist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Scardino, Jr. of Pass Christian.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nash of Coldspring, Texas, formerly of Tulsa, Okla.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion she chose a formal designer gown in light ivory matte satin in a two-piece style. The sculpted bodice featured a scooped neckline and Basque waistline with satin-embroidered floral motif. The full A-line skirt ended in a chapel-length train.

She wore a silver tiara which repeated the floral motif and was decorated with tiny pearls and clear stones. Her satin ribbon-edged veil of illusion extended to finger-tip length.

The attendants were each attired in two-piece ivory gowns with sleeveless glimmer knit top over full A-line skirt of matte satin.

Attending the bride were Joyce Scardino of Houston, sister-in-law of the bride, and Angelyn Treutel of Bay St. Louis, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids included Kerrie Kuhne of Allen Park, Mich.; Lori Koehn of Pearland, Texas; Lane Spell of Memphis, Tenn.; and Jarret White of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Flower girls was Mattison Scardino, godchild of the bride.

Bell ringers included

Michael and Gabriella Scardino, Haleigh Treutel, Shelby and MartiLynn Latino, Maycee Scardino, and Morgan and Spencer Scardino, all nieces and nephews of the bride.

Altar servers were Alexander Treutel of Bay St. Louis and Hunter Treutel of Pass Christian, both nephews of the bride.

Best men were Steve Nash of Coldspring, Texas, father of the groom; and Dustin Dennis of Tulsa, Okla.

Ushers included Jadon Nash, brother of the groom, of Tulsa; Dennis Scardino of Houston and Paul Scardino of Biloxi, both brothers of the bride.

Groomsmen included Mike Koehn of Pearland, Texas; Fred Wilhoft of New Orleans, Scott Reed of Tampa, Fla.; and Kacey Nash of Oklahoma City, Okla.

A luncheon shower was hosted by sisters and sisters-in-law of the bride at The Bridges Golf Club, and a couple shower was held in Houston, hosted by the bridesmaids.

A rehearsal party and crawfish boil was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nash, parents of the groom, on Mallini's Patio in Henderson Point.

Friend and business associate of the bride, Hugh Tatton and his wife Mary traveled from Aberdeenshire, Scotland to attend the wedding.

Mr. Tatton, dressed in his clan's kilt, honored the bride and groom by playing the bagpipes to welcome guests as they entered the church. He also played a special Scottish wedding song at the reception as a toast to bride and groom.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Palace of the Pass in Pass Christian.

After a honeymoon in Costa Rica, the couple will reside in Houston.

Stafford-Ehrlich

Tammy Lou Ehrlich and Damon Andrew Stafford, both of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage April 13, 2002, at Bayou Talla Baptist Church in Kiln. The Reverend Mike Wells officiated.

The bride's parents are Sharon Ehrlich of Bay St. Louis and Dwayne Ehrlich of Edgewater, Fla.

The groom is the son of Mary Stafford and Charles Stafford, both of Richmond Hill, Ga.

Given in marriage by her stepfather, the bride was attended by maid of honor Teresa Ehrlich of Waveland, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jamie Bennett, Holli Cuevas, and

Courtney Thomas, all of Bay St. Louis, and Daniele Langevin of Hattiesburg.

Flower girl was Olivia Ruffino of Baton Rouge.

Best man was Scoff Stafford of Richmond Hill, Ga., brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Trevor Stafford of Richmond Hill, and Jason Bounds, Chris Carter and Tim Hart, all of Picayune.

Ring bearer was Bryce Stafford of Richmond Hill.

Nuptial selections were provided by pianist Katherine Wroten and vocalists Janet Penton and Donna Torres.

After a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. Damon Stafford

Bay High class reunion planned

A class reunion for the Bay High School Class of 1961-1962 is planned for July 6.

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Malmstrom-Rimmer

Serena Malmstrom of Bay St. Louis announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Rachel Malmstrom, to Stephen W. Rimmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Rimmer of Madison.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Carl Malmstrom.

She is a 1990 Hancock North Central graduate and a 1996 graduate of Faulkner University in



Peterson-Ladner

Hugh and Paulette Shiyou of Lakeshore announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brandi Marie Peterson, to Drake Avery Ladner, son of David and Wendy Ladner of Necessity Crossing.

The bride-elect is a 2002 Hancock High School graduate.

The groom is a 2001 Hancock High School graduate and is serving in the United States Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

The wedding will take place June 1, 2002 at 2 p.m. in Crane-Creek Baptist Church.

Family and friends are invited.

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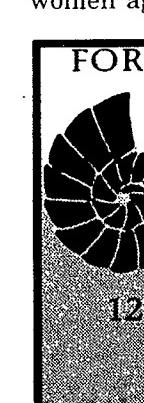
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Weddings and Engagements

Green-Breland

Ray and Donna Green of Lakeshore announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Deirdre Lee Green, to Jeremy Michael Breland, son of Gary and Avis Breland of Saucier.

The bride-elect is a Hancock High School graduate and is a student at Jefferson Davis Community

College majoring in nursing. The prospective groom is a Harrison Central High School graduate and is employed with Breland Drywall.

The wedding will take place June 1 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead.

Friends and family are invited.



Deirdre Green and Jeremy Breland



Teneill Cuevas and Rian Hight

Robinson-Pearce

Betty Robinson of Waveland and Jim Robinson of Morton, Miss., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Susanne Robinson, to Brandon Pearce, son of Gordon E. and Violet Pearce of Brooklyn, Miss.

The bride-elect is a Bay High School graduate and attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is employed with Wright, Ward, Hatten and Guel, CPAs. The prospective groom is a graduate of Perry Central High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is employed with Union Planters Mortgage. The wedding will take place June 15, 2002 at 2 p.m. in Clear Creek Methodist Protestant Church in Brooklyn.

The prospective groom is

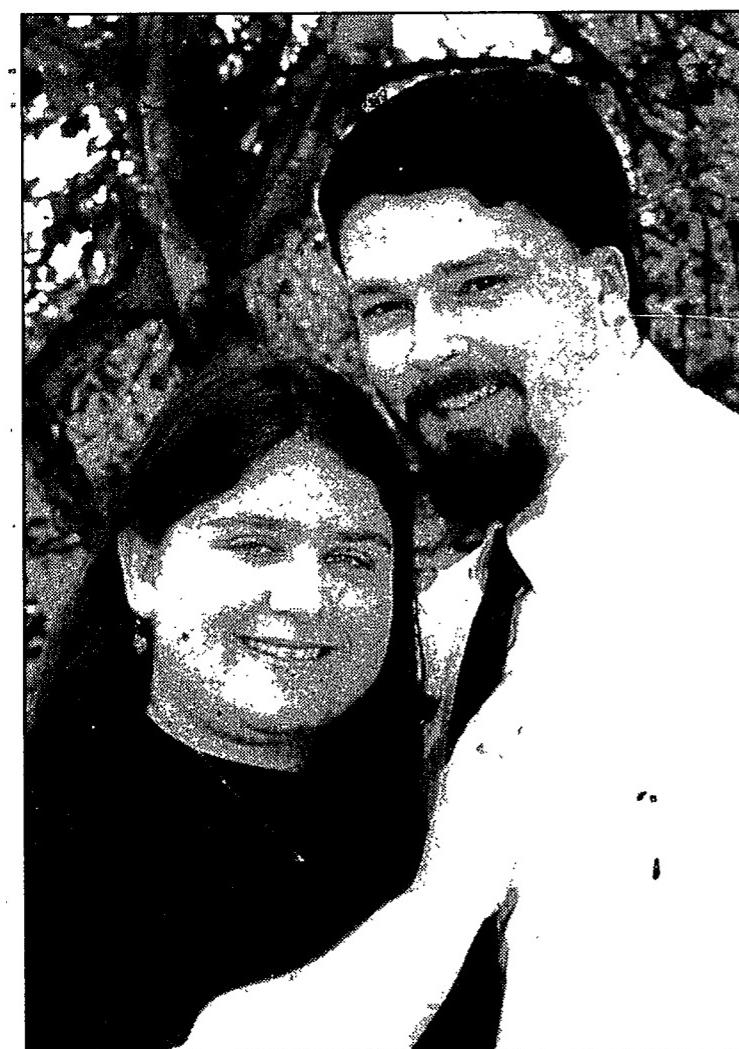
the grandson of Mary Curran and the late Bernard "Red" Curran and the late Dee and Merle Hight.

He is a graduate of Hancock High School and attended Pearl River Community College. He is employed with The Bridges Golf Resort.

The wedding will take place June 22, 2002 at 2 p.m. in Crane Creek Baptist Church.

A reception will follow at the Hancock County Civic Center.

Friends are invited.



Susanne Robinson and Brandon Pearce



Raquel Davis and Greg Fleming

Davis-Fleming

Jonathan and Beverly Davis of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Raquel Davis, to Greg Fleming, son of Dale Fleming and Sheila F. Legere, both of Picayune.

The bride-elect is a Hancock High School graduate and attended Pearl River Community College. She is employed with Sam's Club.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Picayune Memorial High School and attended Pearl River Community College. He is also employed with Sam's Club.

The wedding will take place June 1, 2002 at 5 p.m. in the Bayou Talla Fellowship Hall in Kiln.

A reception will follow at the Hancock County Civic Center.

La Leche League offers good news about osteoporosis

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

May is National Osteoporosis Prevention Month.

While there is still much to learn about this disease which often leads to fractures, stooped posture, and chronic pain and disability, there is good news for mothers who choose to breastfeed.

Research suggests that breastfeeding may protect women against hip fracture

in old age. In the long-term, lactation may actually result in reduced risk of osteoporosis and stronger bones for the mother who breastfeeds.

Some studies suggest that women who did not breastfeed have a higher risk of hip fractures after menopause.

Because calcium is one important element in producing human milk, some health professionals had

mistakenly assumed an increased risk of osteoporosis for women who breastfed their children.

However, research studies have shown that after weaning their children, breastfeeding mothers' bone density returns to pre-pregnancy or even higher levels.

In one study, researchers examined women who had at least six children each and who had breastfed for a minimum of six months;

these women were compared with women who were never pregnant.

Results showed no significant decrease in bone mineral density and no osteoporosis attributable to the multiple pregnancies and extended breastfeeding.

For more information on the short and long-term health benefits to mothers who choose to breastfeed in Hancock County, contact Michelle at 467-8180.

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Entertainment

Special exhibit at Walter Anderson to feature work of disabled artists

By Collin Johnson
MRC News

Award-winning artwork from this year's Goodwill Art Show will be on display in Mississippi museums.

The top three winners in the adult and student divisions will have their artwork shown in a special exhibit at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs, and other museums across the state have expressed an interest in displaying their work.

At the 14th annual event, held at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, disabled artists from all over Mississippi entered nearly 300 pieces of art and competed for prizes.

The overall winner, Betty Jane Chatham of Starkville, received a \$1,000 award and disabled student winners split a \$250 purse.

Joy Jones, of Pearl, won honorable mention and \$50 for her painting, "My Trip To Italy: Portofino." A volunteer at Methodist Rehab, she contributed two paint-

ings to the exhibit.

Jones is a late bloomer. She set out to learn to paint after retirement gave her the time to really enjoy it. "I took lessons from Dianne Norman, and I've been painting for six years now," she said.

Jones suffers from polymyositis, which is characterized by muscle inflammation and degeneration. About five out of 10,000 are affected, but women are twice as likely as men to contract the disorder.

The disorder has left Jones unable to do many ordinary tasks, but she still paints.

Through art, Jones has reclaimed her life bits at a time.

"I love it. It gives me an opportunity to take my mind off of the things I can't do and lets me focus on what I can do," she said.

She's been successful, too. She's won awards, and many of her works have been purchased and now hang in prominent homes

and businesses.

"We love to walk the halls of the hospital and see the artwork each year during Goodwill contest time," said Sandra Walker, director of volunteer services at Methodist Rehab.

"This year we've had the largest number of entries ever. Almost 300 pieces of art by the disabled grace Methodist Rehab's second floor halfway leading to its Atrium Mall."

The Goodwill contest has grown every year it's been held. From 1998 to 2002, the number of entries doubled from 71 to about 170.

This year, Goodwill Industries and Methodist Rehab were joined by Very Special Arts of Mississippi as sponsors of the show.

VSAM is a local division of an international body dedicated to creating learning opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities.

Having the art hang at the Walter Anderson museum is a great accomplishment.

ment and hopefully the first of many, said Leslie Scott of VSAM.

"We hope that other museums in the state will want to show these winners as well," she said. "It's a great opportunity to show everyone that even when the body is impaired, the mind is still capable of creating beautiful things."

All of the art from the Goodwill show is for sale, Walker added. "And the artists receive all of the money from the sale of their work."

Disabled artists have always been recognized and commended at Methodist Rehab, Walker said. The hospital's gift shop houses an art gallery that displays their work year round.

But each year from April to June, art from all over the state is hung in the halls leading from the two-story atrium mall to the cafeteria.

"Many entrants are patients or former patients who have found a talent

they didn't know they had," said Walker. "It's great for anyone's self esteem, but it's especially so when you've lost the use of legs, arms or eyes. Having your art hanging on the walls for everyone to see is therapeutic."

For more information about the Goodwill Art Show or Methodist Rehabilitation Center, log on to www.methodiston-line.org.

Methodist Rehabilitation Center provides comprehensive medical rehabilitation programs for people with spinal cord and brain injuries, stroke and other neurological and orthopedic disorders and treats patients from all of Mississippi's 82 counties and from other states.

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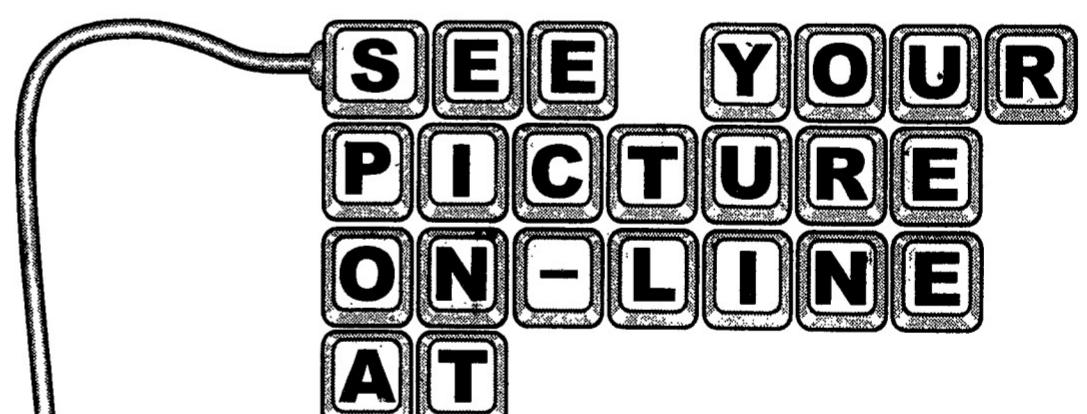
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Sinatra at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis

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Concerts begin at 9 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95, and \$29.95.

The concert, a lifetime in the making, features songs that Frank Sinatra included in over 40 years of performing, many of which Sinatra Jr. witnessed first hand.

In song and style Frank Sinatra, Jr. pays homage to his father, the singer, and the music that defines the Sinatra legend.

The show includes such Sinatra classics as "I've Got You Under My Skin," "One For My Baby," "New York, New York," "Luck Be A Lady," and "Strangers In The Night."

Frank Sinatra Jr. was born in New Jersey, raised in California and educated in the showrooms of Las Vegas as well as bandstands all over the world.



Frank Sinatra Jr. will perform at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis this Friday and Saturday.

After many years touring with his Big Band and

B.B. King to conduct blues workshop

Honoring B.B. King and encouraging an appreciation for the blues among music lovers of all ages is the purpose of a free workshop and recognition ceremony, which will be hosted by Mississippi Valley State University on Friday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to noon, in H.G. Carpenter Auditorium on MVSU's Itta Bena campus.

B.B. King fans, blues enthusiasts, practicing musicians and friends of the university are invited to join King for an interactive workshop where he will discuss blues history and how he develops his songs. He will also share a few musical tips about playing the blues and answer questions related to his career and music. Participants are allowed to bring musical instruments and cameras for use during the event.

Prior to the workshop,

MVSU President Lester C. Newman will present King with an honorary doctorate from the University.

"We are excited to have this relationship with B.B. King," said Newman. "Mr. King is certainly an asset to the university, the state and the world. We hope that all of the community will come out and share with him while he receives this honor and contributes to the musical and cultural enrichment of those who attend the free workshop."

Born in Mississippi, King has been the blues' most successful concert artist and its most consistently recognized ambassador. He has been bestowed with more awards and honorary degrees than any other bluesman and has made the cause of preserving the blues his lifetime work.

For information, contact Attorney Carver Randle, chair of the MVSU B.B. King Day Committee, at (662) 887-5436 or (662) 254-3579.

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Views -- The Piers of Hancock County

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or Texas coasts, but the Mississippi Coast.

Hotels sprung up in both Waveland and Bay St. Louis, with the Bay having as many as a dozen at one time. Clermont Harbor became a booming metropolis, rivaling the Bay.

The old hotels are gone and, unfortunately, so is the efficient train service. Several of my neighbors commute daily to New Orleans, taking about the same time in their cars as the train did, one hour, but without the comfort of the club car breakfast or the leisurely snooze permitted on the return trip.

However, the main attraction is still here: the pleasant sea breezes as well as the long piers jutting far out into the water made to take full advantage of these breezes.

Old pictures of the Coast show that there were at one time hundreds of these piers from Bayou Caddy all the way along the Coast as far as Biloxi.

Hurricanes and other storms came and battered these piers and the aftermath of a hurricane or storm's visit to the Coast was marked by a rebuilding surge that not only included homes and businesses but the long piers as well.

Despite the fact that the structures were often not insurable, the owners felt that the piers were an essential part of coastal life and rebuilt as fast as they were destroyed.

In the main, except for those of the hotels, these piers were all privately owned. This was a result of the old land grants and railroad deeds dated from before there was a beach road.

Quite often the lots extended from railroad track to the water's edge and beachfront owners normally owned the land down to the mean low tide line.

In the case of Hancock County, the people that own beach property on the north side of the road have a claim on the land on their immediate south side.

This claim by the property owners has legal arguments against it, but for some reason the county has ignored these problems and for twenty plus years Stella and I, like most beach owners, have paid taxes on what is for all intents and purposes, a public beach.

However, if a legal permit is requested, we, as beachfront property owners, can build a pier in front of our house.

Hancock's beachfront is different than Harrison's. Our beachfront is bordered by a two lane County road. In Harrison, from Pass Christian eastward, Highway 90 borders the beach. While Harrison County beach property owners can still build piers on the beach (and an isolated few do), the modern four-lane road discourages any feeling of personal ownership and the hundreds of piers that used to exist along the Coast in Harrison County are all but gone.

As a result, Hancock County is strikingly unique. It is the only Mississippi County with a goodly count of these long wooden structures jutting directly into the Mississippi Sound. Like the county road that runs along our beachfront, the piers of Hancock County stand alone.

However, that distinction is fast going away. As I drive along our local beach and see the number of piers in dire need or beyond repair, I think that our time with the wonderful old piers is passing and the lonely piece of wreckage sitting on the berm in front of our house is but a mark of its passing.

There are people who consider these relics and the few intact piers we have remaining as eyesores that intrude on the beauty and natural grace of the beach. I disagree.

I feel the piers add accent to the beach scene much as

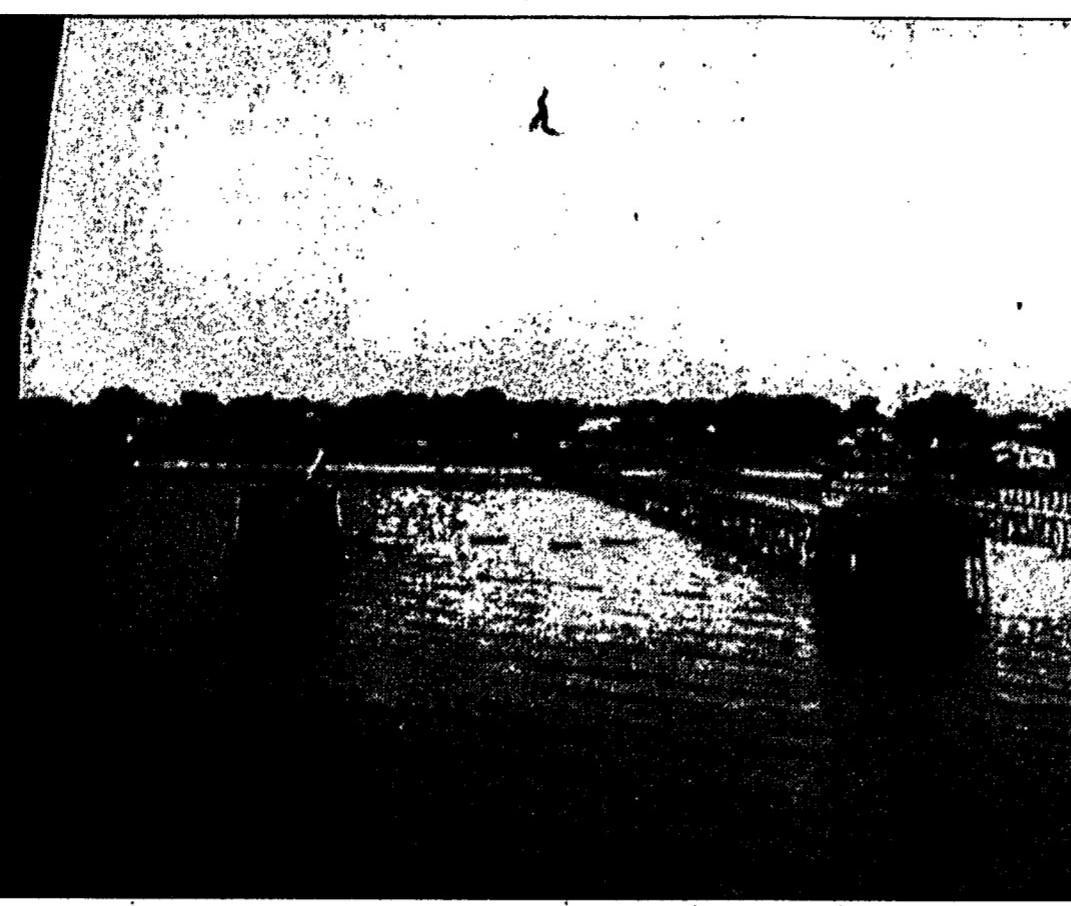


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A view of some piers on the Bay of St. Louis that were destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

the shrimp boats add to our view of the water. The starkness of their dark geometric lines provides a strong contrast to what would otherwise be often a static scene.

Besides, the birds, bless them, love the piers. Forget the gulls who believe their only real purpose in life is to whitewash all the piers in Hancock county, there are others, pelicans and herons and egrets and cormorants and on occasion black crows, hosts of others; all of them happy about the piers being here.

In fact, my observation is that the birds use them more than we humans, using them for everything from fishing roosts to armchairs to bedrooms.

While the birds would miss the piers if they were gone, we would miss more the wonderful display of life these roosting birds provide us to an otherwise purely physical scene.

Why are our piers in such bad shape? I'm not really sure. There are probably a several reasons to do with money, ennui, or just the passage of an era. I do know, however, when the present state of disrepair came into being.

During 1998, two rather strong winter storms hit the Coast within a month of each other. Both washed away a great deal of sand and heavily damaged the piers along the coast.

The first of the storms hit early in the morning. We had water over the road flooding our property almost to the base of the large oak nearest the beach.

Stella and I stood on the porch and watched as the water hammered and slowly overwhelmed the piers around us. Their destruction was mostly due to buoyancy.

The waves would lift up the planks on the piers. If these were forced loose, they would go flying and become part of the floating debris.

If the planks held, the rising water gradually lifted the very pier itself! The repeated pumping action of the waves lifting the planks would gradually work and work at the pilings until they came loose from the bottom.

Once loosened the pier would slowly, almost majestically, lift up and then in a long twisting motion that tore parts from those pilings still holding, the loosened pier would topple over. With our glasses we watched this happening to pier after pier far down the coast.

A month later, we had the second storm. Beach property owners seem to have an ability to rebound after these natural catastrophes.

As with storms that had taken place in the past, many of the piers that had been damaged by the first storm had been rebuilt by their owners or were in the process of being rebuilt.

This second storm, however, was unexpected and caught everyone off guard.

and talking at the end of a wooden pier. Perhaps the biggest of these has to do with the ubiquity of air conditioned houses and television.

In any case, very little repair work has been done on the piers since that time. Most remain as they were on the day of the storm, relics of the storms power and the abandonment by their owners.

But there was a time... Let me tell you about a pier once owned by a friend that stands not far from our house. Penny's pier was the most used pier in the area.

People were on it in the early morning hours fishing, at noon with picnic lunches of crabs and crawfish and fishing and in the evening telling stories, relaxing, and fishing.

One Saturday, Stella and I went over to the pier to talk to Penny, who was sitting at the pier's end with some friends. Stella and he started to talk about fishing.

Stella moaned that she had caught nothing that morning when she had gone wade fishing.

As we talked, one of the other fishermen got up from his chair and nonchalantly threw out a small cast net. When he pulled it in, it contained a number of small baitfish.

He threw most of these into one of the two coolers that was half full of Sound water (the other cooler had

iced soft drinks and beer) and used the remaining baitfish to re-bait his line.

I could read Stella's mind as she watched him, no early rising for a bait run for them. I think what really shook her was the fact that they were all sitting comfortably in deck chairs and lounges and perfectly dry.

Penny was a likable person and pleasant to talk to. We stood there for a while chatting before heading back to our house. Penny said he'd walk back to the road with us, as he had to get some more soft drinks from his house. As we all turned to leave, Penny looked back at his fishing pole.

"Hold it a minute," he said. "I think I've got something." He did. One of the men came over with a scoop net to help him bring it in. It was a beautiful three-pound redfish.

Later, as we walked back to our house, Stella was very quiet. "I don't care how many fish they catch," I finally said, "we're not building a pier. They're just too much trouble."

"You're right" she agreed. "I don't want one either. But," she looked wistfully back at Penny's pier and the men fishing from the end. "that did look like fun."

I guess it was fun, but from the debris on our beach, the days of those fun times are slowly being washed away.

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Inner healing is painfully slow

"Are you going to do an article on the rampant pedophilia of Catholic priests which has traumatized so many of our children?"

Coming from a knowledgeable media person who is a court of most things, the question caused me to pause, reflect, then answer deliberately:

"I have already done an article on that topic. You may recall the article of a few weeks ago titled, "We Walk on Feet of Clay."

In that article, I outlined the underlying reasons why pedophilia has been a problem of any consequence; namely, secretive diocesan superiors driven by a defensive, geographical, musical-chairs mentality for solving alcoholism and sexual dysfunctions among priests in parishes and other ministries.

Very briefly, I also mentioned that a well-rounded, strict screening of priestly candidates must be put in place, constantly reviewing moral, social and spiritual prerequisites in the course of formative years in the seminary.

More and more people in every walk of life are pointing out that the prime failure of Church authorities was not to treat the pedophilic transgressions of priests as the crimes they actually are. Had pedophiles been handled as criminals, all this would be a non-issue, apart from a problem here and there.

Immediately, I sensed that my answer was going over like a lead balloon. Rethinking my friend's request over the next few days, I began to relent and approach the story from the victims' angle summarized by the universal question: "Why all these issues after twenty or thirty years?"

After all the ink spilled on the pedophile crisis in the Church, despite the numerous discussions in all the media, in spite of parochial and diocesan prayer meetings and healing sessions, it was painfully obvious that still more was needed before anything resembling some measure of closure was near.

"I did not call you to have you put my children's tragic, traumatic experiences into print. Rather, I was going through such excruciating pain that I was looking for a way to talk to you, to get the ugly details of their sexual abuse out of my craw. I had to talk about it lest I explode."

"We have to stop using the word 'abuse,'" one of my sons told me.

"It is not just abuse. It is an assault against another human being, the systematic exploitation and destruction of the innermost self of a human being. There is no complete and hardly even partial recovery from this deep wound and trauma whose effects accompany you through youth into old age."

Shock, raw pain, a sense of betrayal, self-recrimination and anger all came through the grieving parent's voice at the same time. How could all these horrible things have happened to young boys who were trusting put in the care of a priest who was a trusted friend and frequent visitor to the family?

This was not a stranger dealing with the boys, but their pastor who was alternately teaching them religion, training them as altar boys, dispensing the sacraments to them and, as if in an unthinkable, totally improbable nightmare, assaulting them sexually.

"Now, how will anyone anywhere work up the courage to trust most of the priests?" the hurting parent went on to ask. Yes, in self-serving, evil-minded pedophiles, the national body of priests are finding a rotten, stinking root of distrust and moral corruption which casts a baleful pall over all of them.

Scores of priests have been put on administrative leave or dismissed outright.

This national clerical blood-letting has satisfied only in a small measure the grief, hurt, trauma and rage of broken, betrayed children and parents. The victims' stories must be told in toto, flowing into individual and communal confession of guilt, forgiveness and deep, inner healing.

Many priests are moving about without their collars and other items of clothing which distinguish them from the general populace. Some are admittedly gun-shy, reluctant to thrust themselves into public situations.

Clearly, the entire body of priests is in dire need of affirmation and healing.

A caterwaul of voices from the sexually abused victims and their families calls stridently for a "Crime does not pay" mind-set in the Church where, as all other pedophiles, a pedophile priest goes to jail,

does a severe period of time, and is not allowed to be alone in the presence of children ever again.

No more geographical, musical-chair "cures," from superiors engaging in this type of face-saving cover-ups, for they themselves are now labeled guilty of harboring felons. Full public disclosure is the order of the day.

No more treating pedophiles as the ones to be shielded and hidden, for the victims and their families are now becoming the prime focus of attention and the legal, social and spiritual priority in every case of sexual abuse.

Now, thanks be to God, it is slowly dawning upon all of us how painfully slow deep inner healing is, how much time and effort we must devote to it, how protective and affirming we must be of our children every minute.

Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

"He must increase, but I must decrease." These are the words of John the Baptist. John 3:30.

Dear Reader, do you have this same witness in you? Do you want to put the Lord above yourself? Are you willing to die to self, so that Christ can reign in your life?

"If you will crucify the flesh daily, as the great apostle Paul says we should, then the world will be able to see Christ in our life."

This is not easy to do, for the pressures of daily life are very difficult to cope with. Nevertheless, we must put ourselves under subjugation to the leading of the Holy Spirit. For we can do nothing without calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and help us. The Lord must increase and we must decrease; for He must be first in our lives.

If you are not sure if you have God's Spirit in you, just repent and ask Him to come into your life and take over.

And you who have received the Spirit of God already and want to live as a warrior for Jesus; then ask Him to baptize you in the Holy Spirit, as He is doing for believers all over the world.

The "Word" for the Week
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We need eternal perspective on life more than anything else. The realities of heaven and hell ought to loom large in our thinking.

Death does not end it all. In fact, we pass from this life into eternal bliss or eternal perdition. Such thinking may leave us cold. It should also reign in questionable and evil conduct.

Walk through a cemetery. You'll see the graves of many people who passed from this life without trusting in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

The final judgment will tell all. "If anyone's name was not written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

Think of it. Not everyone enters heaven. Many people reject God and His salvation. Most of them

don't realize the perilous road they are traveling.

The pleasures of sin and evil seem a good thing for now. The pleasure will not last forever. "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:3 1).

Here's the other side. To avoid judgment and look forward to the bliss of heaven is wonderful comfort. We do not receive this promise of comfort because we are special.

We must trust in Christ's sacrifice on the cross to cover our moral faults and ethical misconduct. We must ask for and receive God's forgiveness.

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St. Thomas Episcopal plans Vacation Bible School

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Donna Hutchings, music director, who is heading the project a second year, said there would be an activities center, Bible study, recreation, music, crafts and snacks.

Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to attend and may pre-register by calling the church at 255-9213.

The Episcopal Church Women plan a rummage sale at the church Friday and Saturday, May 17 and

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On out-of-state calls he dials the area code of three digits and finally the telephone number. On all calls, after the desired number has been dialed, the operator will come on line to ask for the calling number.

Staff members of the Corps of Engineers real estate acquisition office here in Hancock County test facility admire signs which have been erected on all the roads leading to the buffer zone.

(Photo) Since approval could not be obtained from the State Highway Department to place the signs on the U.S. 90 right-

of-way, permission was secured from private individuals to use their land.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 23, 1952 - Misses Norma Johnson and Tempie Perkins of Bay High School and Catherine Benigno and Maurine Egloff of St. Joseph's Academy have been selected by their teachers to attend Girls' State, which will be held at Belhaven College in Jackson, June 28 to July 5. Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. These young ladies will represent the local Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post Unit 139.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

May 22, 1942 - Inquiries have been made as to the provisions of Senate Bill 74 of the Legislative Session of 1942, which was approved March 3, 1942. This is an Act which authorizes citizens of the State of

Mississippi who are now in the military service of the United States, in the present war against the axis powers to vote absentee ballot in any primary election held in the State of Mississippi after passage of the Act, and vote without the payment of poll tax.

ONE HUNDRED-TEN YEARS AGO

May 21, 1892 - Bay St. Louis, Miss., May 19, 1892. Office of the Gulf Coast Fisherman's Association. At a meeting of the board of directors the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Louis Leonhard, president; P.J. Mauffray, vice-president; Alfred S. Coward, secretary and treasurer. Mr. E.J. Bowers was unanimously elected attorney.

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Class of 1939



Out of a class of 12 graduates, seven of the eight surviving members of the St. Joseph Academy Class of 1939 gathered recently for a lunch at the Dock of the Bay, including, top row from left, Victoria Swanner Becker, Louise Chadwick Lynch and Dorothy Hammer diBenedetto; bottom row, Bertha Ploue Feeney, Lucille Morel Luke, Margie Scafide Laguens and Esie Mae Dillman Bocls.

Local students named to USM spring semester President's List

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

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The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade-

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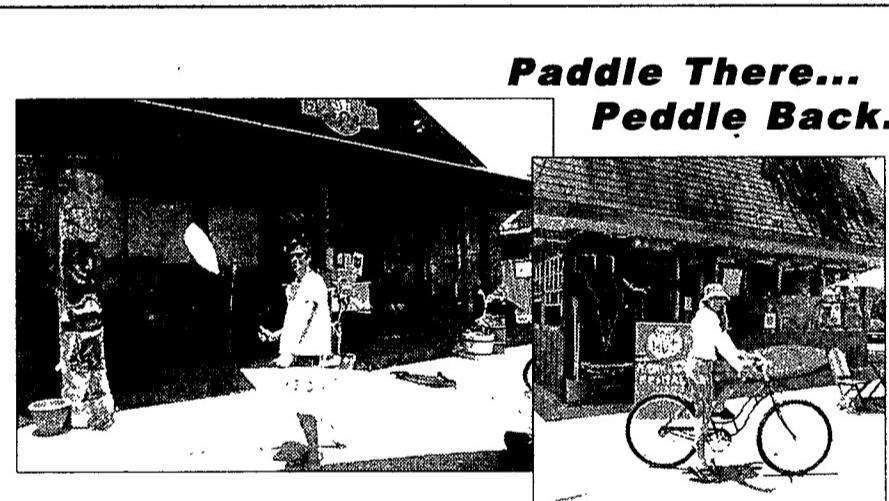
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REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

On Memorial Day

A Memorial Day reflection

By Richard J.
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One year ago, we were a national at peace, but not now. A short year ago, Blue Star Service Banners were lost in the memories of a half-century ago, but not now.

On Memorial Day 2002, I see more and more blue Star Service Banners in front windows of houses and businesses across America.

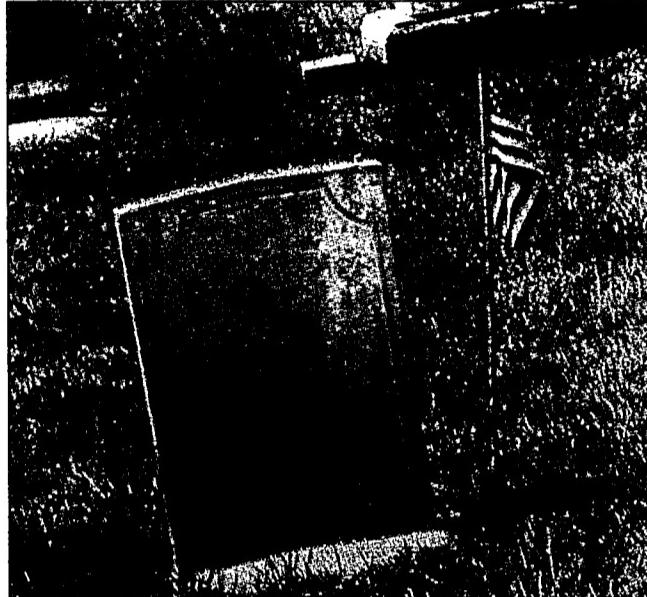
A banner reminds us that a loved one from that family is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, fighting terrorism in Operation Enduring Freedom and providing homeland defense. Unfortunately, Gold Star Banners are replacing

some of the blue.

Today's men and women sent into harm's way differ little from the doughboys who fought in the trenches of France, the GI's who stormed the beaches at Normandy, or the troops who bought inches of land with blood at Korea's Chosin Reservoir.

Indeed, they are no different than the millions of men and women who have answered the clarion call throughout American history.

As did those before them, today's men and women that we honor did their duty. Regrettably, we must now add 3,000 more names to the list of our honored dead.



Some of the honored dead were in the Armed forces, but some were not. Each was on the

following.

It is fitting that, as we remember the military men and women who died in service to America we also – just this once – remember as well the first casualties of the War on Terrorism.

They are also American heroes who died in the line of duty. They gave all in service to their country as surely as if they had been on the front lines of Afghanistan.

Again, young Americans, wearing the uniforms of our armed forces, are fighting in a war without borders and without clearly identified combatants. Some of them have given the

supreme sacrifice for our nation.

We are thankful that we are a nation that does not forget ... that we are a people who remember and honor the memory of those who died fighting the enemies of the United States – wherever and whenever they threaten.

On this Memorial Day I ask all citizens of this great land to remember the sacrifice of more than one million Americans whose memory we honor today.

Richard J. Santos of Greenbelt, Md., is the national commander of The American Legion. He represents 2.8 million wartime veterans.

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